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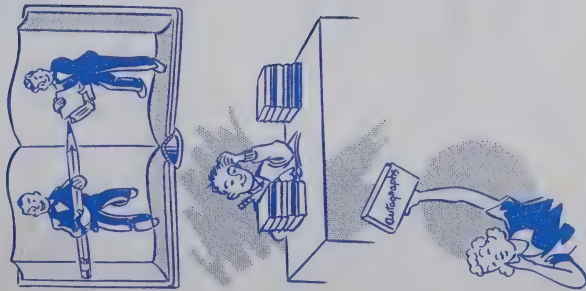
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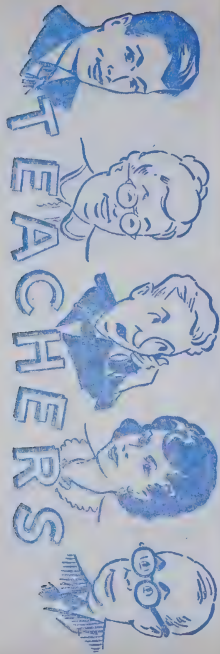
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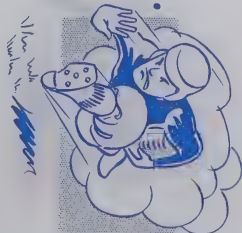
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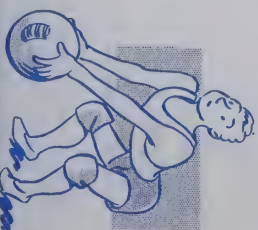
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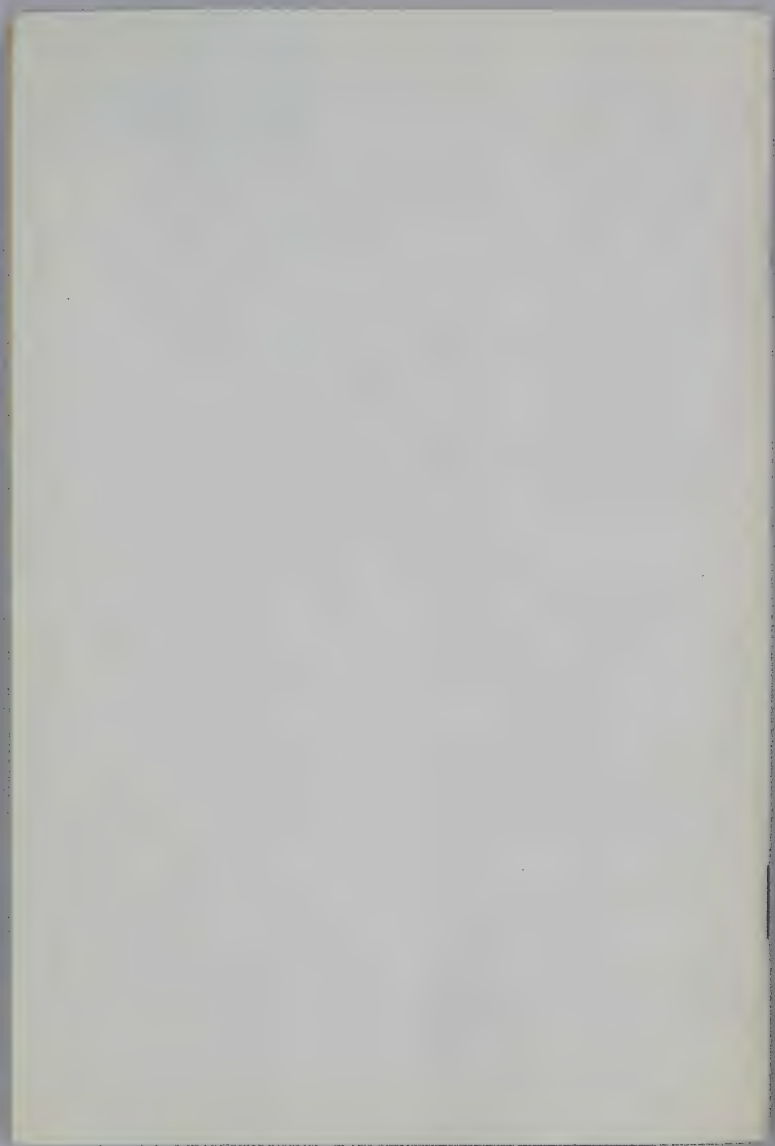
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# Red Devils had colorful history at Auburn

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By DAVE KNOPP

For those who may wander past Auburn's McIntosh Elementary School on Saturday night, do not be alarmed to hear voices singing "Like men of old on giants, placing reliance, shouting defiance, Os-Kee Wow-Wow!"

After all, it's not every day that people who attended Auburn High School in that building get together to sing the school fight song. But they will on Saturday, from 7 p.m. till whenever, as part of Hoosier Celebration '88.

Auburn High School has an 87-year history that began in 1880, when a building for first through 12th grades was erected on the

present site of McKenney-Harrison School.

To accommodate growing class sizes, Central High School was built in 1893. The original high school building was used as an elementary school, until it was demolished in 1930.

By 1916, Central High School was inadequate (it was demolished in 1930). Construction of a new school began on property at Main and Fifteenth streets donated by William McIntosh, a teacher, soldier and historian who was county superintendent of schools for many years.

World War I and a steel shortage delayed completion of the

## The Auburn High School alumni reunion begins Saturday at 7 p.m. in the McIntosh gymnasium.

McIntosh School until 1921, but its modern facilities made it worth the wait. It included a huge assembly room, domestic science and vocational training rooms, and special rooms for the chemistry, physics and commercial departments. A 2,200-seat gym was completed during the 1924-1925 school year.

Red and black were the Auburn High School colors from the beginning, but for many years the different grade levels also had their own colors, songs, mottos and cheers. The school went without a team name until 1931, when "The Red Shadows" was adopted. A year later it was changed to "Red Devils."

Athletic competition was fierce between Auburn High School and the high schools of nearby towns such as Butler, Garrett, Waterloo, Kendallville and Angola. After Waterloo's boys basketball team suffered a particularly humiliating defeat in Auburn on Nov. 19, 1916, admission prices were raised for Auburn fans only at a game in Waterloo five days later.

A statewide move toward school reorganization and centralization in 1959 led to the completion of DeKalb High School in 1967, and the end of Auburn High School. The McIntosh building was converted to a junior high school, and then to an elementary school in 1975.

Senior class size at Auburn High School ranged from one student in 1880 to 164 students in 1967, and a total of 4,058 people graduated from the school. Alumni reunion organizer Barbara Wessel hopes a lot of them show up Saturday.

"This is our second reunion. We had 350 people last year," Wessel said. Earl Patrick, class of '49, has rounded up eight people from as far as Denver to attend this year's gathering.

Reunion activities will take place in the McIntosh gym. There will be refreshments and a DJ for dancing, spinning hits from as far back as the '20s. Dress is casual,

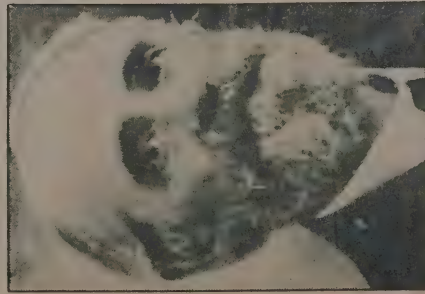
## The original Auburn



but each guest is encouraged to reflect his or her high school and to bring yearbooks, pictures and any other memorabilia. A mission is \$5 per person.

In addition to the reunion, alumni who were band members

**William McIntosh, a teacher, soldier and historian who was county superintendent of schools for many years, donated land for the school that bore his name.**





# High



High School, built in 1880

to invited to bring their band instruments to the site on the Courthouse square at 6 o'clock tonight. Dick Norris will conduct a practice and performance of songs such as the Auburn High School Fight Song.

## Earl Carr Field honors Auburn football player

BY VIV ROSSWURM

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AUBURN — Earl Carr Field is a familiar name in Auburn, but few know the story behind the 6-acre field named in honor of a young football hero who died from injuries suffered in a high school football game in 1937.

According to DeKalb County Historian John Martin Smith, Earl Carr was a junior in high school in the fall of 1937 and played right end on the Auburn High School football team.

He was an accomplished athlete, having lettered in several sports. Besides football, he played center on the basketball team and was an outstanding member of the track team. He was the only member of the Auburn track team to advance to the state meet, where he placed sixth in the hurdles.

One of the most popular boys at Auburn High, Carr was secretary of the Hi-Y club and a member of the Boys Chorus and Future Farmers of America.

He lived with his parents at 356 W. Fifth St. His father, George Carr, was employed by Auburn Automobile Co.

On the eve of the Saturday-night, end-of-the-season game between long-time rivals Auburn and Garrett, The Evening Star headlined: "Auburn will play Garrett Saturday ... Football season to reach climax when Red Devils clash with arch rivals on Williams' Field in the city."

The article went on to highlight the intense, historical rivalry between the two communities:

fan and player points to as the height of the schedule, will be packed with thrills, as has nearly every previously played game.

Both factions are already claiming victory and although the Railroaders may have the edge, inasmuch as comparative scores would indicate, past performances are cast to the winds when the two winds meet. Both will throw caution aside and battle their best to pull forth a victory."

In the decade prior to the climactic game of 1937, Auburn had been the winner of the rival game eight times and Garrett twice. Prior to that particular Saturday night's game, Auburn's season record was 5-1 and Garrett's was 4-2.

Carr was injured in the second quarter of the game, but was able to walk from the field. The game ended with the Garrett Railroaders defeating the Auburn Red Devils, 31-14. The newspaper's account of the game did not mention Carr's injury.

Although Carr was in pain after the game, he attended the Junior-Senior Halloween Carnival at the high school later that same evening.

On Sunday, the pain seemed to have subsided and his family had no reason to think he would not fully recover.

But by Monday morning, Carr was in such intense pain that his family rushed him to J.A. Sanders Hospital on South Main Street.



Carr

## Digging up the real story behind Earl Carr Field

Shortly after DeKalb County historian John Martin Smith published "The History of the Municipal City of Auburn, 1900-2000," he received a phone call from a resident who pointed out an inaccuracy in the book.

Smith, citing a previously printed source, had written that Earl Carr Field, next to Eckhart Park in Auburn, was named after Earl Carr, who was killed in World War II.

What Smith soon learned was that Earl Carr died as a teenager after suffering injuries in a Garrett-versus-Auburn high school football

game on Oct. 30, 1937.

"Errors are inevitable in any publication," said Smith, "but usually it's an incorrect date or misspelled word. This was a significant error and I was determined to research all the facts surrounding the young man's death."

Smith said he regrets the error, but it did lead him on an interesting search and ultimately, to find out the true story behind Carr's death.

The accompanying story is the account of the teen who died so tragically and for whom Earl Carr Field is named.

delirious and was placed in an oxygen tent at 5:30 p.m. He died less than two hours later.

An autopsy revealed that Carr's death was a result of a "... retro peritoneal tear of the duodenum with subsequent perforation of the peritoneal cavity ..." or internal injuries and bleeding.

His funeral was held Friday, Nov. 5, at the high school's Alumni Gymnasium, where more than 1,200 people packed in to pay their respects.

Fellow football players served as pallbearers and 16 girls helped carry the many floral arrangements that draped the casket and covered the gym floor.

The boy's casket was placed in the middle of the basketball

frequently tipped the ball at the beginning of every game.

Friends of the family, Auburn students and faculty and a delegation from Garrett paid tribute to the outstanding young athlete and his family.

Out of respect, the junior-senior high school play, "Here Comes Charlie," was postponed.

Soon after the young man's untimely death, the name of Auburn's athletic field was changed from Williams' Field to Earl Carr Field, which it remains to this day.

For many years the lot was the official field of Auburn High School. Today, it is part of the City of Auburn park

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# Auburn High School through the yearbooks

By DAVE KNOPP

Year-by-year at Auburn High School, with highlights from the pages of school yearbooks.

1880 — Frank McDowell becomes first graduate of Auburn High School. Later becomes city's civil engineer.

1904 — First yearbook, "The Star," is published. All 11 seniors are female.

1905 — Auburn High School Athletic Association is founded.

1906 — Girls basketball team is formed. School Board provides uniforms of brown flannel, trimmed in red.

1907 — Football team wins state championship.

1910 — Students flock to newly built Eckhart Library for studying and reading.

1911 — Baseball team chalks up eight wins without a loss, including an 11 to 10 victory over Tri-State College. Sophomores put yearbook together due to senior lack of interest.

1912 — Extracurricular activities include boys basketball, baseball, track and glee club, girls basketball and glee club, and orchestra. Boys football eliminated because of Indiana law requiring all players to have physical exam.

1913 — W.H. McKenney becomes principal.

1914 — First school play, "Cupid at Drake," is staged. Also first operetta, "Windmills of Holland." Ligonier beats boys basketball team 107 to 14.

1915 — Debate team and literary society are organized. Senior Albert Lumm dies from tuberculosis. Helen Schaab and Wayne Weaver win prize for composing high school song.

1916 — Boys basketball team crushes Waterloo 100 to 8, girls team finishes season 11-0. Students hold pageant in honor of Indiana Centennial. Gum chewing is banned in school.

1920 — First vocational agriculture class offered. History and radio clubs form. "Chatterbox," the first school newspaper, begins publication. Yearbook henceforth called "Follies."

1922 — First boys swim team organized. Boys "Hi-Y" club forms to "set high standards of Christian character throughout the school and community." Football team reorganized.

1923 — W.H. McKenney becomes superintendent of Auburn City Schools.

1924 — Girls basketball team stomps Butler 110 to 2, finishes season 12-1.

1925 — Cecil "Zeke" Young is hired as physical education teacher and coach of football, basketball, baseball and track teams. New 2,200-seat gym is finished.

1926 — Sophomore Virgil Korff becomes first Auburn High School student to earn a four-year college scholarship, as Purdue gives him a full ride for corn-raising project presented at the State Corn and Potato Show. Girls basketball team earns state championship after 13-1 season.

1928 — Girls basketball team shares state title with Garrett.

1931 — First school band forms. "The Red Shadows" becomes first team name.

1932 — Team name changed to "Red Devils," which is kept henceforth. A Future Farmers of America chapter starts. Boys baseball is dropped.



McIntosh High School, completed in 1921

1934 — Chatterbox ends production due to lack of subscriptions. Girls interscholastic sports program ends and is replaced by Girls Athletic Association events, which are intramural only.

1935 — Junior Denzel Myers wins state shot put with toss of 49'7".

1937 — Junior Earl Carr dies three days after sustaining injuries in a football game against Garrett.

1939 — Boys basketball team wins school's first regional title.

1940 — Football field is named "Earl Carr Memorial Field," and lights for night play are installed.

1943 — For one week students collect scrap metal to help national war effort. U.S. Physical Fitness Program administered at school to "prepare students for war work and military duty."

1944 — Yearbook dedicated to four teachers and six students who joined military during school year.

1945 — Home Economics Club organizes a group to sell War Bonds and Stamps. Boys basketball team takes regional.

1946 — School forms Future Homemakers of America chapter.

1947 — Football team finishes season 8-0, extending consecutive win streak to 14. Guard Vito Palumbo selected as All-State guard.

1948 — Football team extends consecutive win streak to 23.

1949 — After 15 years without a school paper, the "Devil's Journal" begins publication. Football team consecutive win streak ends at 24. Boys basketball team goes to State finals and finishes season 26-3. Center Jim Schooley wins A.L. Trester medal for mental attitude.

1950 — Boys basketball team wins regional championship.

1951 — Boys basketball team repeats as regional champs.

1952 — Football team wins sixth straight NEIC football championship. Boys basketball team wins fourth consecutive regional championship. Center Cal Grosscup sets Fort Wayne regional scoring record of 30 points.

1955 — Cecil "Zeke" Young concludes football coaching career with 8-0 season, his fourth undefeated season in 32 years of coaching.

1958 — W.H. McKenney retires after 45 years



Jan. 8, 1997

# School to go out in style

AUBURN — Friends of McIntosh School are planning a giant retirement party for the 75-year-old building on May 18.

The building's service as a public school will end when this spring. The new Country Meadows Elementary School is replacing it in August.

Planning for the McIntosh celebration will begin Monday at 7 p.m. in a meeting at the school's kindergarten room. Everyone is welcome to attend and offer ideas for the May 18 event.

"We want to salute all the people who made that place what it was," said Barbara Morrow, an officer of the McIntosh Parent-Teacher Organization.

Morrow and PTO president Julie Stackhouse are co-chairing the celebration of the school.

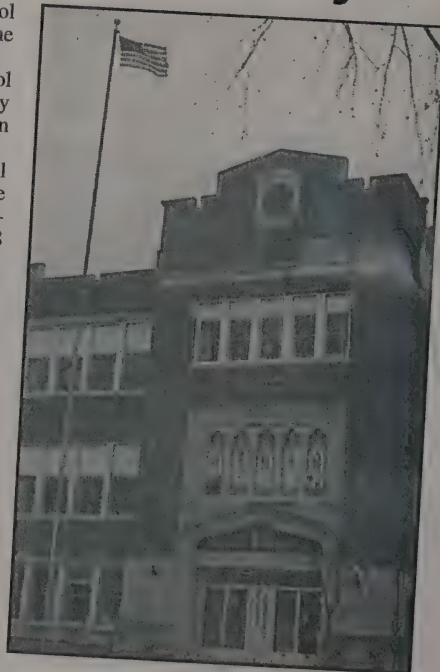
"It's intended for the entire community and it's intended to call attention to Auburn's rich educational heritage," Morrow said.

"We want to get a yearbook for every year the school's been open," as well as pictures, artifacts and other memorabilia, Stackhouse said. "The gym is just going to be one big walk down nostalgia lane."

The McIntosh building began as home to Auburn High School, then served as a junior high school from the mid 1960s to mid 1970s, and as an elementary school since 1975.

Suggestions for the event have included:

- collecting anecdotes about people who attended McIntosh;
- organizing a reunion of Auburn High School's 1949 state finalist basketball team;
- assembling an alumni band; and
- presenting a program with speakers and a



Auburn's McIntosh School

roast of McIntosh celebrities.

Organizers plan to sell souvenir keepsakes such as collector mugs or T-shirts, and to serve refreshments at the event.

Anyone with suggestions or questions regarding the event may call Morrow at 925-5356 or Stackhouse at 925-9036.



Richard Norris, instructor of instrumental music in the Auburn public school system, announced today the ratings received by several of his students in the state instrumental music competition at Broad Ripple high school in Indianapolis Saturday afternoon. Judy Kruse received a superior rating with her bassoon solo, Linda Cutter received an excellent with her alto saxophone solo, Mary Wilson received an excellent with her clarinet solo, Diane Davis received a good with her flute solo and the mixed clarinet quartet composed of Mary Wilson, Judy Herbolshemer, Sandra Rainier and Georgia Bailey, received a good rating.

#### LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL FOR THE GRADUATES IN AUBURN

Auburn high school's senior class members will start their last week of school classes on Monday, Ross Tipton, superintendent of schools, reported Saturday.

The seniors will go to their classes at the high school for the last time on Friday, May 27 while the remainder of Auburn's students will continue for another week.

The students in grades one through eight will attend classes through Wednesday, June 1, and on Thursday the teachers will make out their records. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors will attend school classes on Thursday.

All of the public school students will then return to their home rooms at 2:30 p.m. Friday, June 3, to receive their grade cards.

The students in the five grades at the Immaculate Conception elementary school will have their last classes of the year on Thursday, June 2, and will then receive their grade cards as school is dismissed that afternoon.

The Catholic school children will hold picnics by classes on Wednesday, June 1.

The annual Auburn high school Junior-Senior banquet will be held at Cutter's Chalet in Fort Wayne on Saturday, May 28. Baccalaureate services for the graduating class will be held at the Junior high school auditorium on Sunday, May 29, and the commencement exercises for the seniors will be held Wednesday, June 1, at the Junior high school auditorium.

## Retiring after 36 Years in Auburn Schools



Auburn Coach "Zeke" Young proudly displays the D blanket presented him by DePauw University for outstanding leadership and achievement among Alumni. — Davis Photo

There will be a familiar face missing at the opening of the new term at the McIntosh high school in Auburn next fall.

Coach Cecil "Zeke" Young, after 36 years of service in the Auburn public schools, has announced his retirement at the end of the present school term in June.

Mr. Young came to Auburn in the fall of 1924 to teach physical education in all city schools and coach baseball, basketball and track in the McIntosh high school. Two years later he instituted football as a fall sport and baseball was dropped.

To say Mr. Young has had an interesting tenure in Auburn would be an understatement. His enthusiasm established him as one of the toughest competitors in high school sports and his teams always played an inspired brand of ball. The success his teams enjoyed can be realized by looking back over the enviable records.

The retiring teacher spent his formative years at Martinsville and in 1919, his senior year, he was a member of the basketball team that played in the state tourney. Furthering his education at DePauw University, he was a three-sport letterman, playing football two years, running track three

years and winning all-state eleven.

In 1953, Mr. Young was greatly honored by his coaching fraternity when they elected him as president of the Indiana High School Coaches Association.

DePauw University honored the Auburn coach on April 8 of last year when he was presented the large D blanket, which he proudly shows in the above picture. The award was given at the spring sports banquet to the graduate who has made outstanding contributions to public school athletics in education. Only five other alumni had been so honored in previous years.

#### Tutored Don Lash

In track, Zeke tutored conference champions on 11 occasions, in 1929, '30, '31, '32, '33, '42, '43, '44, '46, '48 and '49. His teams captured both the Kokomo and Goshen Relays crowns in 1948. He developed several 10-second dash men but probably his greatest thrill was preparing Olympic star Don Lash for his eventful track career. Lash still holds the school record in the mile.

Basketball failed to bring him any great distinction although his teams won eight of 13 sectionals. However, the regional crown always escaped him as well as

three sport letterman, playing football two years, running track three and being on the varsity basketball team all four years. DeBauw was having his finest years in basketball and one year the school was mythical state collegiate champs.

Receiving his degree in 1923, Mr. Young accepted a coaching assignment at Pendleton high but moved to Auburn the following fall. He coached basketball until 1937 and track until two years later. He resumed track coaching later and worked until 1952. After he dropped his football duties, he became a well-known basketball referee and traveled the length of the state to work games. He carried a full schedule of about 35 games each season until the fall of 1948, when a leg ailment forced him to hang up his whistle and striped shirt. An operation relieved much of his pain but he still shows a slight limp.

#### Eye Operations Successful

Zeke's coaching career almost ended in tragedy but fortunately three eye operations to repair a torn retina in his left eye were successful and he became a classroom teacher for the first time in 1955. This forced him to give up football after an undefeated season in 1954. He still teaches physical education in the grades but alternates between world history classes.

The success records of Zeke's coaching career reads like a Horatio Alger storybook, especially in football and track. His Red Devils grid teams rolled up 142 victories, 14 ties and they lost 63 times. He had Northeastern Indiana conference championship teams in 1940, '41, '44, '46, '47, '48, '49, '50 and '54. The Red Devils were co-champs in 1930 and 1951. They were also undefeated in 1941, 1946, 1947 and 1954. Probably his outstanding achievement was a 24-game winning streak which started in 1945 and extended through the seasons of 1946, 1947 and one game in 1948. DeBatur stopped the streak but the Auburn team went undefeated the balance of the season. The overall record includes two winless seasons when the sport was instituted in Auburn.

#### Football Trophy Presented

The Auburn Athletic Association presented him with a big red award blanket in 1954, similar to those given to senior lettermen, after his 31 years of service. His last undefeated team also presented him with a large trophy, superimposed with an action football player upon the top and on the base was a football coach kneeling upon one knee. It was suitably engraved with his record upon it and it is a showpiece on the mantle in his home. Zeke will always point with pride when he has two on his boys. Bud Scott

However, the regional crown always escaped him as well as a trip to the state finals. At that time the regional champ went to the old 16-team finals at Indianapolis. He had some fine seasons, especially in the hey-day of Dave Williams in the early '30's.

Mr. Young has had his hands in civic affairs as well and manages to keep busy between fishing trips at his cottage on Lake George. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, a charter member of the Lions club and served as its president in 1938-39, a director of the Peoples Savings and Loan Association and the DeKalb County Tuberculosis association. He was always a hit in the Lions club minstrels.

Last summer Mr. Young and his wife, Violet, took a trip to the west coast and have pictures which he takes pride in showing his friends. He renewed old acquaintances all the way across the country.

The retiring teacher has no special plans for the immediate future. He expects to live at his lake cottage in the summer and may spend a little time in Florida in the winters. Traveling has given him much pleasure but he thinks he will stick around so that he can give his school a lift at times as a substitute teacher.





Mrs. Barry Gerig

## Tri Kappa Honors Mrs. Barry Gerig

Mrs. Barry (Helen) Gerig has been chosen girl of the year by the Gamma Lambda Chapter of Kappa Kappa Kappa Sorority.

Initiated in the Alpha Phi chapter in 1961, Mrs. Gerig has been affiliated with Gamma Lambda since 1966.

Over the past few years she has served as membership chairman, fashion show reservations chairman, evening recorder, cochairman of ways and means, charity dance committeeman and member of the by-laws committee.

Besides Tri Kappa, Mrs. Gerig has worked as a volunteer at Parkview Memorial Hospital and works at the nursery in New Haven United Method-

ist Church, where she is a member.

She, her husband and two daughters reside in New Haven.

Officers for the chapter include Mrs. William Merrill, president; Mrs. Thomas Campbell, vice-president; Mrs. Michael Baker, recording secretary; Mrs. Kerm Vanderfelde, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Gerald Lopshire, treasurer.

Mrs. Merrill has been active in Tri Kappa for 18 years. Married and the mother of three children, she is a member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Cedar Creek Woman's Club, Top Twenty Investment Club and Allen County Republican Workshop.

### Linda Madansky

After experiencing Hurricane Andrew first hand, Linda Madansky told her parents, "I hope I never have to go through it again."

In a letter to her parents, Madansky opens, "Gentleman Andrew showed up at my front door — I have survived my first hurricane."

She recounted her experiences preparing for the onslaught of Andrew. She said when a warning was issued to get supplies, she and her husband dashed to the supermarket. "Never before have I had to walk with people to their cars to try and obtain a shopping cart. Competing with four to five others for each cart, I gave up, went inside and did the only other thing... when a cart became available I lied and said it was mine," she wrote.

Madansky described the scene inside the store as "near panic." "A dozen votive candles were ripped from my hand by a lady who neither asked nor thanked me for the box she grabbed," she said.

After spending three hours and 46 minutes in the store, her hurricane supplies amounted to three cans of beans, three cans of deviled ham, a bag of potato chips a 12-pack of water, a gallon of orange drink, and plastic ware. She

### — Linda Madansky, Hurricane Andrew survivor

"At first we had power and were awed to see the massiveness of approaching Andrew. He was so big! We lost power about 2:10 a.m. and had only emergency lighting. At 4:30 a.m. the first blasts from the storm hit. We could hear driving rain. This was followed by rattling doors and wind blasts from an air duct that could be felt down the hall," she recalled.

On being told the worst was over, the couple decided to risk it and return to their home. "Arriving home, we expected to find no house. Amazingly we had a house," she said.

Damage included downed trees, roof damage and 8-10 inches of debris over the whole yard.

"As I look down my street, which is lined with broken trees, roof and auto destruction and blown away patios and fences, I see neighbor helping neighbor, and I feel lucky that we have essentially our home — and most importantly us," she concluded.

"And to be sure, I'm not so sure I'll ever trust Andrew again — he sure was no 'Gentleman.'"



Hi Helen -

4-22-91

We moved back to Maryland, Dec 87. Michael is a freshman at U. of MD in architecture; Pulled a 4.0 his 1st semester. Amy is a freshman at Magruder H.S; Plays a flute.

Say hi to everybody on the committee, especially Kay Dimich. Hope to see you Jul 27.

Joe Drerup

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# James Mason is honored

James B. Mason, 932 E. Fifth St., has been selected for the 1971 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America" by a 16-man Board of Advisory Editors.

Nominated earlier this year, men were chosen for the annual awards volume in recognition of their professional and community leadership.

Mason, a 1961 Auburn High School graduate, attended Purdue University two years. He graduated from ECPI programming school, Fort Wayne.

He served in the U.S. Navy two years.

Mason maintains active membership as DeKalb Young Democrats president, Elks Lodge 1978 chaplain, Lions Club tail-twister, and Auburn Little League Association secretary. He is a

member of Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna.

He has been employed six years at Dana Corporation, Fort Wayne, as a systems analyst.

His wife is the former Melody Harris. They have two daughters, Amy Marie, 3 and Christine Holly, 1.

Jim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. (Tim) Mason, Zona Drive.

President Nixon complimenting the awards volume, has said, "Outstanding Young Men of America presents a most fitting testimonial, not only to the success of many of our young people, but also to their awareness of the debt which they owe our free society."

The 1971 edition will be published in November.

August 13, 1990



25 YEARS TOGETHER — Mr. and Mrs. James B. Mason of 124 Morningstar Road, Auburn, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with an open house Aug. 18 at 2 p.m. in their home. The open house is hosted by their three daughters, Amie, Christine, and Angella. James Mason and Melody Harris were married Aug. 21, 1965 in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. They request no gifts.



# Reaching century mark

Close will be 100 on Feb. 26

BY VIV ROSSWURM  
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AUBURN — Mildred Close was a woman ahead of her time. In a day when many women did not work outside the home, she not only worked, but seemingly never stopped.

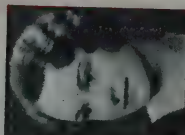
"That's what's kept me going and kept me young — keeping busy," said Close, who will be 100 years old Feb. 26.

Keeping busy is something Mildred's aunt and mother were still 13 years away from getting the right to vote. The Nagles had five other children in addition to Mildred: Carl, Dorothy, Ruth and twins, Esther and Hobart.

She was born in Auburn in a house on Van Buren Street on Feb. 26, 1907, to Charles and Elmira Nagle. Close remembers an aunt telling her about the time of her birth, because a factory whistle blew

at noon — the very same moment Mildred Close was born.

That was the year the Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory became Oklahoma, which admitted as the 46th U.S. state.

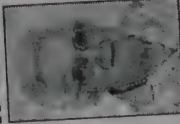


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**Mildred Close is shown in a recent photo, top, and in her 1925 graduation photo.**

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## Happy Birthday



### Vera Webb

She will be 99 on March 25, 2009

She has 3 children, 9 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Please send a card to Vera at:

916 E. 7th St.  
Auburn, IN 46706

lives and Carole McCaffrey, who has a master's degree in education.

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# ee sales revving up



Silberg, owner of Potter Motors in the autos for sale in his used-car lot right now," he said of his business.

"I'm selling cars, it's just not what it was two years ago." (Star photo by Kirk Serena)

Hageman said.

Indianapolis has three auto auctions and there are 14 across the state, selling 5 million cars a year to dealers in Indiana and neighboring states, according to IADA. Looking for even more variety, some local dealers travel regularly to an auction at Flint, Mich.

But used-car dealers have other ways of stocking their lots.

Fetter places advertisements in local newspapers, offering money for cars. "In fact, I just bought one today" he said Monday.

Fetter said an average of 2-3 people approach him each week, wanting him to buy their cars "because they're concerned about their jobs."

Even in good economic times, a lot of people don't want to trade in

of selling their cars themselves, Fetter said.

Another area dealer acquires cars through insurance companies that have written them off as total losses after collisions. He uses his own expertise to repair the damage and put them back on the street again. But most dealers said they try to avoid cars that have collision damage, hidden or visible.

Used-car dealers aren't limited to selling what's on their lot at the moment. If a customer has a specific request, the dealer can go shopping for that model at the auctions.

To most buyers, mileage is more important than a used-car's model year, said Fetter. Personally owned cars usually have lower mileage than cars that have been part of

But fleet cars that roll up high mileage in a short time usually have been serviced at proper intervals, Fetter said. "If you don't mind the mileage, you can save quite a bit of money because they've taken all the depreciation off it."

Still, Fetter prefers to hunt for that ideal used car — like new with low mileage. "When you can buy a year-old (car) and save \$5,000 to \$6,000 for having 10,000 to 15,000 miles, that's quite a bit of difference," he said.

"They're a selective few. You have to work on it to get them," he said.

And if new car sales don't recover soon, they could be even harder to find. As one dealer pointed out, there is no such thing as a used-car factory. Every used car began its life as a new one.



# Charity foundation gets \$1 million gift

October 12, 2006

## Money will finance downtown building

**By Benjamin Lanka**  
The Journal Gazette

Don Steininger wanted to help the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne enhance its presence, while at the same time being able to use its money for grants instead of building projects.

That is why Steininger, and his wife, Kathy, donated \$1 million to help the foundation construct a new downtown headquarters. The 16,000-square-foot, two-story office building will be directly east of the Foellinger Foundation's offices at East Berry and Clay streets. The Foellinger Foundation is donating the land for the project, valued at \$280,000.

The gift for a new building will help increase the profile of the Community Foundation, Don Steininger said Wednesday. There are several people that don't know about the organization, and having its own building with a street presence should help, he said.

"Most importantly, we're allowing them to use the funds they have to make grants and not spend them on bricks and mortar," he said.

Don Steininger is a commercial real estate developer and former president of the Community Foundation. The Community Foundation is currently in the Journal-Gazette Office Building at East Main and South Clinton streets.

David Bennett, executive director of the Community Foundation, said the headquarters



Dean Musser Jr./The Journal Gazette

**Donald Steininger, right, with his wife, Kathleen, announced Wednesday that the Community Foundation will build a facility in downtown Fort Wayne.**

will be named the Steininger Center for the Community Foundation. It will provide a place where diverse groups can discuss ways to improve Fort Wayne and Allen County, along with

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## Foundation

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a headquarters for the charitable group. "It will become a resource for bringing together different groups and ideas," he said.

Bennett said construction on the facility won't begin until 2008 because the foundation needs to begin working on building plans and getting the property properly zoned. He also said the construction timeline followed the timeline of the donation.

Steininger thanked the contractors working on the project because they will not be profiting from the work. He said this is because they understand the importance of a strong Community Foundation. The Community Foundation was established in 1956 and is a public, charitable foundation that awarded more than \$6.3 million in charitable grants and scholarships last year.

Bennett said the foundation prides itself on getting donations from thousands of people and funding a wide variety of charitable endeavors. The foundation had assets of more than \$86 million as of Dec. 21.

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# Suitor has designs on train station

Architectural firm captivated by open space

Jay Margolls  
The Journal Gazette

The old Baker Street Train Station might yet be saved. Martin Riley Mock Architects/Consultants, 222 W. Berry, wants to buy and renovate the 100-year-old building, 231 Baker St., house its expanding office.

The company's proposal for the Baker Street Train Station is on the agenda of the Fort Wayne Regional Development Commission, but the commission's executive director, Don Fletcher, declined to comment on the renovation plans.

If the plan is approved by the commission, which owns the building, Martin Riley Mock plans to spend about \$500,000 on the first phase of its renovation to close the building, develop the east portion and make the center portion usable, said Victor Martin, the firm's treasurer.

"You have to do it in stages and you have to be realistic with what you can do," said Don Steininger, resident of Steininger Develop-

## Firm wants plaza near Courthouse

By Jay Margolls  
The Journal Gazette

Local developers have secured the block across from the Allen County Courthouse for the construction of a plaza.

Court Street Corp., a closely held company composed of associates of Dick Waterfield, spent the last 3½ years obtaining control of the entire block. On March 28, it closed on the final parcel.

Initially, the group wanted to build an office building on the square.

"Since that time, the idea has surfaced from many sources — wouldn't this be a great place for a plaza," said Waterfield, president of Court Street Corp. "Frankly, I think the plaza is a wonderful idea. If we get this plaza built, it will enhance the whole area around it."

The block is surrounded by the Courthouse, the City-County Building, Freimann Square, Lincoln Tower and The Journal Ga-



Andrew Johnston/The Journal Gazette

Victor Martin, left, and Don Steininger stand in the old Baker Street Train Station, above. They hope to renovate the station for office space and public meeting areas. Below, space on the second floor of the old train station can be used for offices.



## Deaths &

### Kalene Hamman

AUBURN — Kalene Hamman, 65, of Auburn died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007 at her daughter's home in Auburn.

Mrs. Hamman was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1960.

She was born July 18, 1942, to E.M. "Bud" and Mary A. (Stoy) Axtell. She married Richard Hamman Sept. 10, 1960, in Auburn. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Mitchell A. and Mary Jo Hamman of Fishers; a daughter and son-in-law, Ann M. and Lacy Taulbee of Auburn; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Theresa and Rodney Guinn of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Mary Jean Warstler of Auburn; four grandchildren, Megan, Jill and Ben Hamman and Noah Glick; three step-grandchildren, Dawn McClanahan, Dana VanAuken and Jeremy Glick; one great-granddaughter, Zoey; and five step-great-grandsons, Lukas, Josiah, Matthew, Justin and Parker.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 South Wayne St., Waterloo. A rosary will be recited at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials are to Immaculate Conception Church or masses.

### Joseph Garceau

#### GREENCASTLE —

Joseph Robert Garceau, 65, of Greencastle, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, at his residence.

A former Auburn resident, he had been a self-employed engineer for several years.

Surviving are two sons, Mark Garceau of Colorado and John Garceau of Germany, and a brother, Arthur, of Danville.

A memorial service is planned for a later date in Auburn.

Chandler-Hays Funeral Home in Greencastle is handling arrangements.

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## Longtime Auburn bandleader dies

AMANDA IACONE

The Journal Gazette

A veteran conductor of the Auburn Community Band has died.

Richard J. Norris died Thursday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. He was 80.

Norris retired in 2004 as the band's original conductor. He spent 22 years leading the group, with members ranging from middle school students to adults.

The year before he retired, he took the group to Washington, where it performed at the Lincoln Memorial representing Indiana during the Festival of States.

His life as a musician began in Fort Wayne, where he learned to play a metal clarinet as a child. He graduated from South Side High School and earned a bachelor's degree at Eastland School of Music in Rochester, N.Y.

After college, he directed at Hamilton High School,

then obtained a master's degree from Ball State Teachers College, now Ball State University.

He later taught music at Auburn High School, DeKalb High School, DeKalb Middle School and most recently at St. Jude Elementary.

Last summer, the community band marked its 25th anniversary with a concert tour, and band members credited Norris for its lasting success.

Norris is survived by his wife, Margery, and two sons.

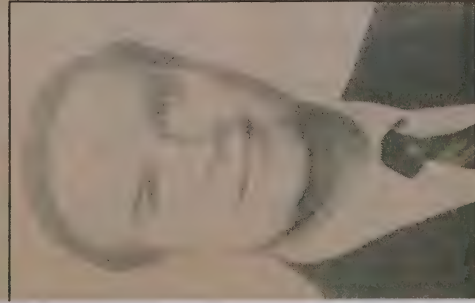
Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb Dilgard & Cline, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn.

Memorials can be given to St. Mark's or the Auburn Community Band, the funeral home said.

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# Auburn native advances to new university



Donald Lemish  
Joins James Madison staff

HARRISONBURG, Va. — An Auburn native has been appointed vice president for university advancement of James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va.

University President Ronald E. Carrier said the appointment of Donald Lee Lemish, 43, to the post will take effect Sept. 4. Lemish is now vice president for institutional advancement and community relations at Longwood College in Farmville, Va. He has filled that position for the past 5½ years.

Lemish, the son of Anthony G. Lemish who resides at 815 E. First Street, Auburn, graduated from Auburn High School in 1961.

He has worked in education for 22 years, but has spent the past 19 of those years in higher education advancement and development work.

While at Longwood, Lemish built up the college's fund raising programs to a level of national recognition. The Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the U.S. Steel Foundation have presented Longwood with two Alumni Giving Incentive Awards in 1984 and 1985 for improvement and sustained performance in those areas. He guided three different institutional development programs to a total of seven U.S. Steel Awards.

Under Lemish's tenure, Longwood's annual alumni donor participation exceeded 40 percent, ranking the college second in the nation among all public institutions in donor participation. The college foundation's assets have quadrupled under his direction, from approximately \$1.3 million in 1981 to today's assets,

which top \$5 million at market value.

Lemish was able to obtain a \$250,000 "challenge grant" to raise funds for construction of a fine arts center. A total of \$800,000 in private gifts has been raised for that project.

"Don is among the most outstanding development professionals in the nation. He is track record proves it," said Janet Greenwood, former president of Longwood and the recently-appointed president of the University of Bridgeport. "He virtually created our advancement program from scratch and he is an excellent manager as well. He is a leader and was a valuable asset to the Longwood cabinet."

In other activities at the college, Lemish helped establish Longwood Ambassadors, a student public relations and fund raising

group, and the Lancer/Coors Invitational Golf Tournament.

Lemish also is the immediate past president of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce, budget chairman and board member of Prince Edward County United Way, and a director of the Prince Edward School Foundation. He was a chairman for the county's "We Have It Made in Virginia" economic development campaign.

In addition to his work at Longwood, Lemish has served as Vice Chancellor for Advancement and Planning at East Carolina University, Assistant Vice President and Director of Development at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, and Executive Vice President and Director of Development of the Ball State University Foundation. He has authored *The Foundation Handbook*, pub-



### Morning Class

Kathleen Beuret  
Johnny Binta  
Jean Bowman  
Judy Brady  
Barbara Calvin  
Jean Capen  
Carole Close  
Diane Davis  
Margaret Ann Dawson  
Judy Haynes  
Barbara Hess  
David Kohl  
Donald Lemish  
David Long  
Connie Sue Metcalf  
Billy Myers  
Michael Oohstein  
Keith Platter  
Kay Ann Pommert  
Jackie Ten Eyck  
Pamela Treadwell ✓  
Sandra Kay Ward  
Linda Webb  
Susan Weidner  
Steve Wildermuth  
Linda Wilkinson  
Pamela Yoder  
Carlene Zelnor  
Joan Rink  
Melinda Wineland

### Afternoon Class

Jackie Bishop ✓  
Jana Sue Blickenstaff ✓  
Deanna Brown ✓  
David Cole ✓  
Michael Cornelius ✓  
Carolyn Cornish ✓  
Charles Frederick ✓  
Jimmie Grosh ✓  
Judith Herbolzheimer ✓  
Alice Kinsey  
Judith Kruse ✓  
Sandra Rainier ✓  
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Billie Sehlegel ✓  
Douglas Scott ✓  
Barbara Ellen Shook ✓  
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Wayne Stackhouse ✓  
Janice Stobing ✓  
Alice Joy Thornburg ✓  
Philip Trippel ✓  
Karen Tucker ✓  
Paul West ✓  
Mary Elizabeth Wilson ✓  
Philip Woodcox ✓  
Michael McKinley ✓  
Theda Ellen Snyder ✓  
Linda Lou Cutter ✓

## **Lemish To Retire Effective January 1**

**By NATHAN KING**

FARMVILLE-*The Farmville Herald* has learned from anonymous sources that Longwood College Director of Athletics Don Lemish will retire effective January 1. When contacted by *The Herald*, Lemish confirmed the information saying that he completes 20 years service in the Virginia higher education system December 31, and "It's a good time."

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Lemish has family and business interests in Harrisonburg (VA) and plans to return there in retirement. Before coming back to Longwood, he was director of athletics at James Madison University from 1993 to 1999 and vice president for advancement from 1987 to 1993. He initially joined Longwood as vice president for advancement in 1982. He was president of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce in 1986-87 and a member of its Board of Directors from 1983 to 1987. He also is the current chairman of the Athletic

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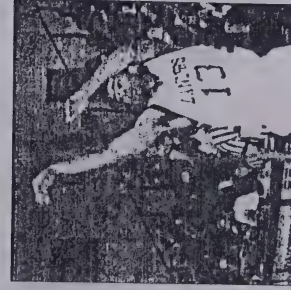
## Top-Ten Sports Events Of The 2000-01 School Year

### Lancers Win CVAC; Advance To

#### UVa Graduate Transfer Colin Ducharme Named Division II National Player Of The Year

This is the tenth of a ten-part series looking back to the top-ten sporting events and newsmakers in the area over the school year. We will revisit each, and discuss what made each special, or noteworthy.

**BY NATHAN KING**  
After dropping its seventh, third-place finish in the CVAC



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May 13, 1999

Dear Barry & Helen,

HARRY SHERWOOD is getting married!!!! It's true and the best part is that he and his soon-to-be-bride, Jackie, are coming through Auburn on their honeymoon. This sounded like an excellent reason to celebrate so I'm writing to invite you to a COOKOUT POTLUCK in Harry and Jackie's honor on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Helen (Dilley) and Barry Gerig have generously offered their cottage on Witmer Lake for the party and attached is a map to their place. Helen and Barry will greet you there anytime after 5:30 pm with dinner being served around 6:30. But don't stay home even you if can't make it right at 6:30, because if we all get a short nap, we might even be partying past the 10:00 o'clock News. Seriously, we hope to have a good turnout for Harry and Jackie as well as for all of us who haven't seen each other in ages.

Helen has been stocking up on hot dogs, brats and roasted sausage and Barry is a master chef on the grill. We ask that you bring a dish to pass and we will provide lemonade, iced tea and cold drinks. Otherwise, it's BYOB. No need to let us know what dish you're bringing but please **RSVP** to Helen so she can have plenty of paper plates, etc., on hand. Her number is the same, (219)-749-9895, as is her address:

**1524 Knox Drive; New Haven, IN 46774.**

If you have the inclination to pull a practical joke on Harry or if you want to bring something nice for the Sherwoods, feel free. But that's not the purpose of the get together. Harry really just wants to see his old friends and introduce them to Jackie, whom he has affectionately dubbed, "Sparky" (you'll have to ask him the significance of that nickname). A hoola hoop also played a part in their courtship??????????????

Harry is getting married in New Hampshire, then stopping at Niagara Falls, and Mackinac Island before his stop in Auburn so we were limited in the dates we could pick; but this would be a great way to kick off your Memorial Day weekend and I hope it works out with your other holiday plans.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

As ever,



Kay Dimmich  
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Phone (219)-925-3561





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SHOWN IN THE PICTURE above are two schools built in the early nineteen hundreds to educate the children of Auburn.

The school in the top of the picture is the DeSoto school located at 116 south Baxter street. The school was built in 1908 and was named for a town in Indiana having a duplicate of the school.

Myron Brandon, a contractor in Auburn, had the general contract for the construction of the school. John Picker of Auburn, father of Mr. Edward Picker, 221 Harrison street, Auburn, had the sub-contract for the brick mason work. Edward Picker, bailiff of the DeKalb circuit court, was 12 years old at the

time of construction, and his father permitted him to lay the first brick on the school.

Children in grades one through eight attended DeSoto school.

Riley school was located on the corner of Van Buren and First streets. The school was built in 1902 and was named for the Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley.

The school consisted of four large rooms where the first four grades were taught.

Classes were held in both schools for the last full school year in 1961-1962, however the four additional rooms being built on the new East Elementary school were not completed for the start of the 1962-1963 school year and the fourth and fifth

RILEY

grades had to be moved back into the DeSoto school for 6 weeks.

In January of 1963 the city of Auburn bought the two schools for a nominal sum. The Riley school was the first of the two schools to be leveled. Workmen started leveling the school in May of 1963. The DeSoto school was leveled in August of the same year.

Miss Mary Ruth Miller of 1008 North Main street, Auburn, was the last principal at the Riley school and Mrs. Kenneth F. Junk of the St. Joe Road was the last principal at the DeSoto school.

The picture was furnished to The Evening Star by Mr. Paul Grogg of 4416 East DuPont Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

March 1966 The remodelled house



5-17-99

Dear Helix + Barry,

Just got the invitation  
for the Harry Jackie get  
together - Sounds Great!  
Count us in. It's going  
to be a busy week end but,  
Fri's open and what better  
way to spend it than  
with old Friends ☺

I'm sending some obits  
to add to your scrapbook. It'll  
be nice to add Harry's Wedding  
after all the deaths.

We are all fine Eric has  
come back to work in the family  
business. He + Sonja are building  
at Cobblestone Knoll. Brad is  
getting married in Aug. to  
April. He is still working on  
his home at Sylvan Lake



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Subj: pictures and website  
 Date: 7/12/01 9:01:15 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
 From: wmyers9464@aol.com (WILLIAM MYERS)  
 To: Ann1943@aol.com (HELEN GERIG)

It would be nice if someone posted a reunion picture here. Also, if we started a 1961 web page where people could post pics of themselves, spouse, kids, family etc. Even bold enough for someone to scan old pics of us.

Just a thought

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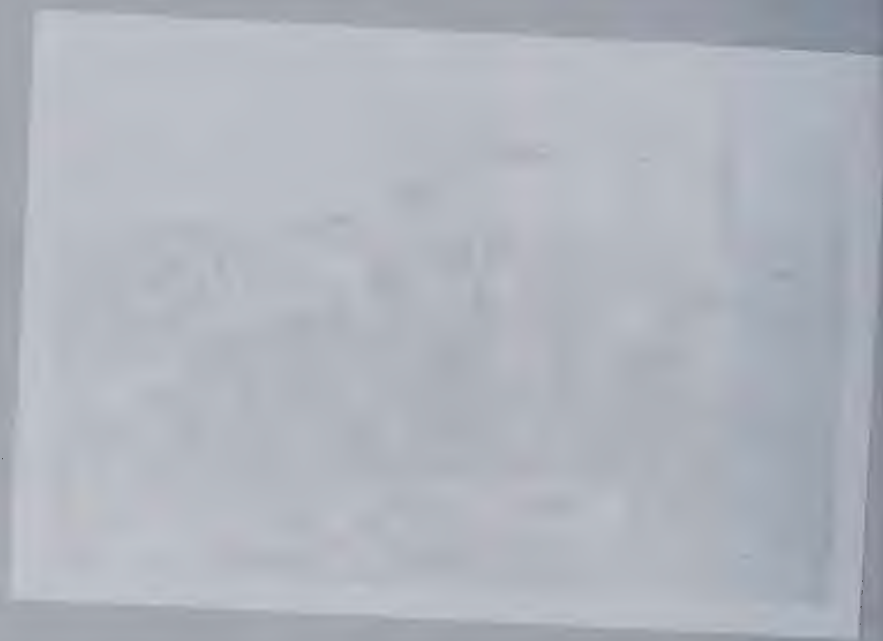


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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 24, 2008 12:52 PM  
**Subject:** MERRY CHRISTMAS from Bill & Elsa Myers

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Thursday, October 30, 2008

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Community Foundation to open doors with ribbon-cutting for new home

Don and Kathy Steininger cut the ribbon Sept. 4 marking the official opening of the new home for the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne. The new facility will carry the name Steininger Center for the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne.

Located on the corner of Berry and Monroe Streets, the 13,000-square-foot facility has been designed with community needs in mind. Community groups are invited to come together and meet in one of the three conference rooms to work on finding common ground solutions and ideas to benefit the community at large. Groups between 15 and 75 can be accommodated, depending on availability.

Established in 1956, the Community Foundation of Fort Wayne is a public, charitable foundation serving Allen County for more than 50 years. The Community Foundation has assets in excess of \$101 million as of Dec. 31, 2007, and has awarded more than \$66 million in grants and scholarships during the last 40 years.

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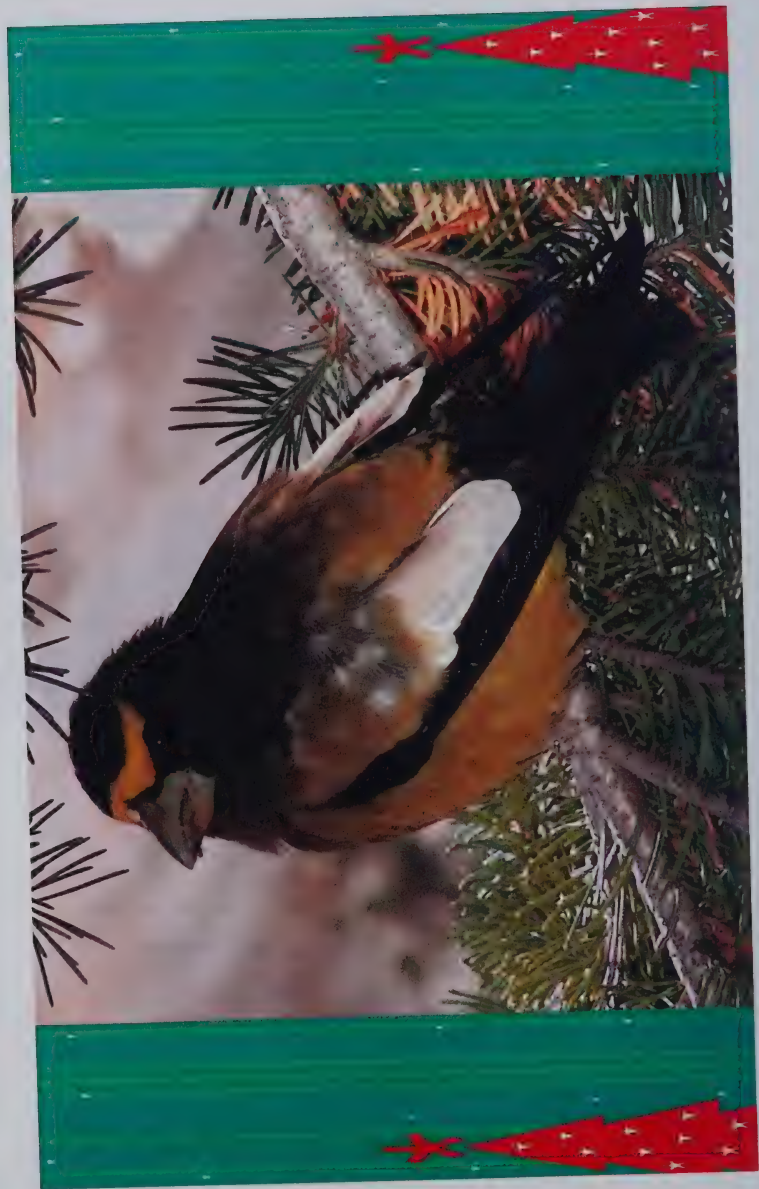
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## Steingers — 72nd

Emmett and Peggie Steinger of Auburn will celebrate their 72nd wedding anniversary with their family and friends. The couple were married Oct. 10, 1936, in the bride's home by the Rev. Dwight Steinger, brother of the groom. Mr. Steinger is retired from Fort Wayne Printing Co. Mrs. Steinger retired as a bookkeeper from Electric Motors and Specialty in Garrett. They have five children, Judy and Dewain Johnson of Indianapolis, Don and Kathy Steinger of Fort Wayne, Betty and Larry Theel of Kansas City, Barbara and Russell Hoff of Auburn and Gerard Reed of Sand Diego, Calif., and the late Roberta Reed. They also have nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.



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**Sent:** Thursday, November 20, 2008 5:58 PM  
**Subject:** Local news - here in Conifer

Patting myself on my back a little bit (my arm gets so sore sometimes). But there is an article in our local newspaper about the camera club that I have been president of the last 2 years and co-president this past year. Annie and I found 2 more people to take over next year. Anyway, if you would pass this around to some of the other classmates, I would appreciate it.... It's not every day I get my name in the paper ... besides the 'sheriff's report' section ha ha ha (actually, never have yet)

Go to [www.hightimbertimes.com](http://www.hightimbertimes.com) scroll down a little bit to see FEATURES and click on "Picture this: Conifer resident leads a club focused on making fabulous photos". And if anybody has not seen some of my photos, they can check them out at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/9463723@N05/> click on the photo to see some of the comments people from around the world have made ... under each photo, it shows the number of comments. Some are kind of funny. There is a gal from Italy that I would love to meet someday. ha ha I am going to meet a couple gals from Wisconsin this next summer. They are coming out to Colorado.

THANKS  
Harry ~;-))

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The attached pic demonstrates that isolation is not necessarily without amusement.

Dr. Harry ~;-))



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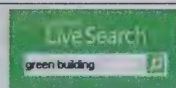
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## Picture this: Conifer resident leads a club focused on making fabulous photos

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Photo by Neal Hurley

By Emile Hallez

Harry Sherwood makes an interesting picture.

The Conifer resident, who sports a white handlebar mustache, round, wire-rim spectacles, a bucket hat and a thin gold necklace, is a photogenic subject.

But Sherwood is more comfortable on the other side of the lens. And the retired programmer spends a lot of time photographing the world around him — and serving as co-president of the Evergreen Camera Club.

"I'm called 'the Cropmeister,'" he says.

The club displays its photos on the Flickr website, where members can peruse and critique their colleagues' work. And Harry's knowledgeable but often sharp comments have earned him the notorious title.

"I've been kind of tough sometimes," he admits. But his honest remarks, which also offer praise, are always helpful. "I have several friends around the country (who) look forward to my comments."

And that sums up the spirit of the Evergreen Camera Club — a group of passionate shutterbugs who assemble to enjoy and evaluate each other's work, all in a spirit of helpfulness and playful camaraderie.

One veteran photographer might achieve flawless composition but know little about Photoshop, so members share what they can to make each other a little better.

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"I've always been impressed with the camaraderie and the mentoring people of different skill levels give the other members freely," said David Smith, who owns Evergreen's Timberline Gallery. The landscape photographer was invited to speak at the group's Nov. 11 meeting and to judge members' photos for the monthly contests.

"It's really helpful to new photographers in particular to do this kind of critique," Smith said of the judging process, in which scenic mountainsides and portraits of foxes are assigned a numeric value from zero to nine, the latter being perfect. "It's hard to get that from showing your pictures to

friends and family."

Though the picture of a novice photographer putting photos before the eyes of seasoned pros might seem like throwing a sheep to the wolves, the process is not all that daunting. To help make beginners more comfortable, the club recently implemented a mentoring program matching willing newcomers with eager-to-teach experts.

"You can be pretty vulnerable when you don't quite know how other people feel about your photos, but there's been so much encouragement," said Annie Coppock, the club's co-president, who developed the group's one-on-one mentoring program.

Coppock was inspired after viewing fellow members' travel pictures.

"We had a couple (who) presented on their trip to Antarctica," she said. "And I sat in amazement. Here I was, the (then) vice president of this club, and I'm looking at these photos going, 'I can't do that. How did they do that?'"

The perfect conditions for this transmission of photographic wisdom seem to lie in the backdrop of nature — the camera club regularly treks into the woods, where novices can look over their mentors' shoulders. The fruits of their labors are presented later in informal slide shows, which may contain simple shots of wildflowers or of rams clashing skulls.

"They absolutely love it," Sherwood said of beginning photographers. "They're not intimidated with going to somebody who they personally know and saying, 'I don't understand f-stop. Would you explain it to me?'"

And if testimonials don't do justice to the merits of the club, the awards gathered by its alums just might. One of Sherwood's disciples recently landed a photograph in Mount Evans Hospice's Seasons of Our Mountains calendar.

"She got one in," Sherwood said. "She's just tickled pink, and I'm tickled that she won."

Of the 400 pictures submitted, Sherwood said, five of the 12 winning images in the calendar came from members of the camera club.

The group's benefits reach beyond the beginner level — more experienced photographers also have sharpened their skills as a result of club activities.

"I got my first camera when I was 8, but I started more seriously when I was right out of college," said Katy Moses, who along with fellow member Bill Vogel will serve as co-president of the club in 2009. "I came in expecting some little, small club or get-together ... I wasn't expecting something as organized as what these guys do. ... I feel like I've gotten a lot better as a photographer just from having so much constant feedback."

As a result of the club's successes, Moses and Vogel might have their hands more full than past presidents. What began in July 2006 as an informal gathering of eight has swollen to a roster of 120, and 40 to 60 regularly attend meetings. Members' ages range from early 20s to the 70s, and even an elementary school girl has shown up a time or two. And though the wildlife photography niche seems to dominate the group, interests include architecture, sports and drops of water.

"You try to make the meetings interesting for all those different levels," Vogel said. Guest speakers have included a wedding photographer, a sports shooter and a woman who creates photographic montages of clay figurines. The following month's contest is based on the niche or skills taught by the previous month's speaker, which, especially in the case of clay figurines, may present an unconventional challenge.

November's contest theme, wildlife, drew about 40 people to the meeting. Attendees watched intently in the Bergen Park fire station as Smith guided them through a slide show of their peers' work, swiftly doling out numeric scores (none less than a seven). When he finished, neighbors turned to each other and discussed the upcoming field trip, printmaking and the photo-of-the-year contest on Dec. 9.

Whether novice or expert, their love of photography draws members back to meetings and field trips.

"I bought my first single-lens reflex camera 40 years ago," Sherwood said.

These days Sherwood's camera body is digital, but the spirit of his pictures — whether of hummingbirds, mountain valleys or candid field-trip shots — is as timeless as film.

Photography, he says, is "being able to capture a scene or a moment ... that I can revert back on with fond memories."

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**From:** "Becky Meyers" <meyersw@mchsi.com>  
**To:** "Helen Gerig" <hgerig@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 23, 2008 2:32 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: Susy

Helen,

Please keep in mind that Susy is not to have anyone mention transplant as it must freak her out. It sure would me.

Thanks.

Becky

— Original Message —

**From:** Don Lemish  
**To:** 'Becky Meyers'  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 20, 2008 8:47 AM  
**Subject:** Susy

Becky,

I didn't realize that I had not told you before. She has been on oxygen for a year and is down to 30 percent lung capacity. It is COPD (Chronic Obtrusive Pulmonary Disorder) and it only gets worse. We have been going to University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville for the past five months for tests and treatments with the hope she would become a candidate for a lung transplant. She now is a candidate but not officially on the list because of these infections she keeps getting. She must be infection free for the transplant. She can't get out of the house much and I have become the cook, bottle washer, maid, grocery shopper, and care-giver. The reason we sold our home and are building a new one is because she could no longer climb stairs. Our new house will be a one story but it does have some steps because the builder "screwed up." As a result, he has to install a hydraulic lift in the garage that will get Susy into the house. My biggest concern is that doctors have told her without a transplant she would not survive a bad cold or the flu.

She hasn't even told her friends here about the transplant. She wants the prayers but is kind of "indifferent" to sympathy and that's why she doesn't want the local folks to know. Many do know something is up, because she was so active and visible and now she is confined the the house 90 percent of the time. She has a social group of girls that she would meet, eat, drink, and play cards with at the Club about every two weeks and now she can't even get together with them. they know something is bad they just don't know exactly what. They think it's just a bunch f infections. Last night the group had its Christmas dinner and we couldn't go. I think that really bothered Susy.

She loves your email but just don't mention "transplant."

Don

Enjoy life because, no matter how long, it's too short!

12/29/2008

**Helen**

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**From:** "Becky Meyers" <meyersw@mchsi.com>  
**To:** "Helen Gerig" <hgerig@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 23, 2008 2:30 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: Reg Steve Wildermuth

Helen,

This is the letter from Joe Drerup and I'll forward the one regarding Suzy Lemish.

Becky

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Drerup, Joseph" <joseph.drerup@navy.mil>  
**To:** "Steve Silberg" <slick1943@yahoo.com>; <meyersw@mchsi.com>  
**Cc:** <marjo70@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 22, 2008 9:27 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Reg Steve Wildermuth

Steve/Becky - please share as you see fit. (I'm at work and don't have Class-of-61 emails handy)

To Steve: In Physics class, Mr. Furber ran an energy experiment: You (190 lb), Dave Cole (160) and Phil Trippel (130) were to run up two flights of stairs. The rest of us timed you to calculate the energy burn rate (BTW - 1 step at a time!). We had an election that year. I was carrying my Noxin sign (that's what it said upside-down), and you pointed it out as proof that not all Catholics were for Kennedy. I'm still conservative, but apparently we come in degrees. (Translation - that's why I've been ignoring your wacko, right-wing emails.)

Here's what I've come to believe about death. When you get to Heaven, we'll all be arriving, seemingly at the same time. Time & space will have evaporated; they are only properties of the universe. (Jeez, now we're back to Physics). Anyway, since we all made it, there's nothing but joy. No point in going back to tell the ones we left behind. We're all there! Pick a few of our classmates (Kim, Judy, Connie...) or any of your loved ones; they aren't waiting for us. They already have us - in what we call the future. And that's the important thing: Your future is Heaven.

I was stunned to hear the news, but we know news of this type will keep arriving. My prayer is that God will grant you a peaceful, relatively painless transition into His Kingdom.

Joe

12/29/2008



Sent: Saturday, December 20, 2008 3:22:26 PM  
Subject: RE: Reg Steve Wildermuth

Becky-

I don't know what to say-I'm in tears.

I'll forward to all the Auburn friends with whom I have e-mail addresses.

I'm so glad you had the foresight to try to reach him.

I'll have to think about how to react after it sinks in.

Thanks Again

Don

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From: Becky Meyers [mailto:meyersw@mchsi.com <mailto:meyersw@mchsi.com>]  
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Steve's address is as follows: 1105 N 700 E.  
Angola, In 46703

What in the world are you talking about when you said you were waiting on a lung transplant for Suzy? I kinda wondered about her also, when she answered back one of my e-mails and she said you were doing most of Christmas preparations this year as she has had an infection for three weeks. Please tell me she is going to be OK?

Becky

Sent: Saturday, December 20, 2008 9:36 AM  
To: Don Steininger  
Subject: Reg Steve Wildermuth

Don,

I'm not sure Steve has said anything to very many people so I hope I am not out of line in telling you. I hadn't heard from Steve in quite

awhile by e-mail, nor had Don Lemish, so I called him night before last and I haven't had a good night sleep since. Anyway, here is

the bad news.

Steve had hernia surgery and then had a CT scan and a PET scan. He has Stage 4 terminal inoperable lung cancer. He has a 2-3" tumor in his one

lung and another smaller one in the other lung. Steve has gone through radiation and will see the radiation doctor in January to see if

the tumor has shrunk. The tumor has also wrapped around a rib or two. Steve has lost 30 lbs in a short period of time. He said, he has

been alcohol free for 13 years and was pleased with that. He seems to be in good spirits but said he wasn't going to broadcast his

condition. I know you and some of the other guys he enjoyed would like to converse with him before anything might happen. He is not

able to sit in front of the computer for longer than 10 minutes and has basically stopped using it much. He said he had 2500 e-mails and that

was the last time he was on it a few weeks ago and that probably has 5000 by now.

Anyway Don, I did tell Don Lemish the situation and he plans on writing to him. You probably know more of the guys that he was around

than I do and if you want me to write to them I will but I would need to know who they are. Or if you want to let them know, that would be

great. I told Steve to let his friends know what was going on, but he said, "Oh Becky, that would be too simple".

I didn't know if you still kept in contact with him. He is in good spirits, but does know the outcome.

Sorry to send you this terrible news just before Christmas.

12/29/2008

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 24, 2008 2:15 PM  
**Subject:** Steve Wildermuth

Silberg and I just returned from Angola visiting Steve Wildermuth.

He did not want us to come out to where he lives but he agreed to meet us at Arby's in Angola.

We spent an hour or so with him and I think Steve and I both agree that we found him in better shape and better spirits than we expected.

He is walking with a cane and obviously has lung distress but was very conversant and I think happy to see us both.

While he appears realistic about his fate we didn't dwell on it and had a chance to discuss old times and swap lies about great memories.

He is on disability from the State of Indiana and with social security and Medicaid appears to be managing quite well.

He indicated he has been through a lot and apologized for "disappearing".

His brother Jim is coming to visit the next few days and Cindy has invited him to spend New Years eve with her and her husband and their kids in Auburn.

All in all it was a good visit and there is a lesson to be learned for all of us:

-did we want to go?-no

-are we glad we went-absolutely

Merry Christmas to all.

Don

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Dear Helen,

I hope you all had a good time at the Dec get-to-gether. My Colonoscopy went fine but I wasn't really up to lunch & all.

I didn't pass my Mamo. again. Calcifications Biop. says Cancer again. a different kind not as aggressive. Don't have a surgery date yet but I'm sure it'll be Jan.

Other than that we are all fine & looking forward to the holidays

Love  
Alice



**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2009 8:29 AM  
**Attach:** 2009 April 19 Wildermuth Steve and Wade.jpg  
**Subject:** 2009 April 19 Wildermuth Steve and Wade

Just wanted to share a picture of Steve and Wade that I took yesterday. Shelly, Steve's oldest daughter comes up every week end from Carmel, sometimes for the whole week end and some times just for a short time. She has three children at home and one just went to a prom this week end so her visit was short but she did have two of Steve's grandkids with her. Wade tries to get there once a week.

Steve was in such a good talking mode and is remembering more than he usually does.

Steve either slipped or fell and his arm that has been wrapped and unusable is now broken and swollen and he is in pain and it is difficult for them to move him very often and his arm rests on a pillow all of the time. Other than that his mind seemed more clear this time, Steve said they have cut his meds in half. I do not know if this is true but he did not sleep during our visit this time and I was there on Sunday between 3 and 5PM. We talked most of the time which, usually he sleeps a lot of the time. Jack, I asked Steve if he remembered your phone calls and he actually said yes but, that he got a little groggy and didn't talk much. He has gotten lots of cards from classmates and they are all set up for him to view after they have been read.

It had been a couple of weeks since I had seen Steve, and he seemed better this time than he has in awhile, except for his arm. I don't believe they can cast it.

We all need to keep Susy Lemish in our prayers along with Steve. Susy is home and doing better. Home is where the

**Helen**

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**From:** "Helen" <hgerig@comcast.net>  
**To:** "Helen" <hgerig@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 08, 2009 11:19 AM  
**Subject:** Fw:

**Sent:** Friday, May 08, 2009 8:24 AM

**Steven Wildermuth**

Written by Staff Reports

Friday, 08 May 2009 00:00

ANGOLA — Stephen Wolcott Wildermuth, 66, of Angola and formerly of Auburn died Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Wildermuth was a lifetime banker for more than 30 years.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran with a rank of Lieutenant JG, serving time in Iwakuni, Japan.

He was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, American Legion, and the Auburn Lions Club.

He also loved the outdoors and was an avid fisherman.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University.

He was born Jan. 30, 1943, in Auburn to Jean M. and Carrie "Jeanne" (Felton) Wildermuth.

He is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Stacey J. and Matthew Thomas of Carmel and Deborah J. and Chip Nance of Auburn; two sons, Wade K. Wildermuth of Hamilton, and Ryan R. Wildermuth of Hamilton; one brother and sister-in-law, James and Carole Wildermuth of Goshen; and eight grandchildren, Kelsie A. Thomas, Kaitlyn A. Thomas, Trenton S. Thomas, Payton N. Wildermuth, Alison Lesch, Megan Lesch, Emilee Lesch and Kyle Lesch.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black and Chaplain Tom Novey officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

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# Auburn school to be demolished

**ANGELA MAPES TURNER**  
The Journal Gazette

**WATERLOO** — The DeKalb Central school board voted Tuesday to raze a downtown Auburn school and gymnasium, rejecting an eleventh-hour offer from a Fort Wayne developer to turn the gym into a community center.

In a unanimous vote, school board members said a bid of just over \$278,000 to raze the former McIntosh Elementary School and gym was too good to ignore after several years of debate.

Demolition is scheduled to begin Oct. 19, said Rod Knox, the school district's director of safety, facilities and transportation.

Don Steininger of Steininger Development asked the board to give him one year to raise sufficient money to convert the gym to an acceptable

use. If he could raise the money and develop a plan, the school district could transfer the real estate to a non-profit organization created to operate the gym and would pay that organization the money that had been set aside to demolish the gym this fall.

If he couldn't raise the money, Steininger said, he would pay any additional cost of having the gym demolished a year from now.

Steininger — a 1961 Auburn High School graduate — said he was approached by various community members who asked him to consider such a proposal.

"There's no risk by delaying it a year," he said.

He carried a folder of ideas for the gymnasium — several offices, a community meeting room, a stage and a small area for Auburn High School historical items.

But board members ex-

pressed concern that giving away the gym and the one-block property it occupies would make the remaining city block difficult to develop. The school district has discussed subdividing the property and developing the lots into homes for DeKalb High School building trades students.

"I enjoy history, and the last thing I want to do is remove a building that has historical significance," board member Jim Miller said. "But I see it as in the best interest of the students."

Since 1997, the nearly 90-year-old building had been used for an alternative school and rented by churches and non-profits.

When bricks fell from the gym's façade two years ago, the board voted to give non-profits a chance to step forward.

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## MCINTOSH: Developer commended for his efforts

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total restoration and conversion of the gym would cost \$800,000. He estimated he had commitments of about \$250,000, which included a substantial personal commitment.

Tuesday night, Steininger apologized for being "late in the game." He suggested asking the demolition company to separate out the cost of demolishing the gym.

Vilamaa said Martin Enterprises will deduct \$20,000 from their bid to exclude the gym.

Steininger predicted that future quotes for demolishing the gym would be much higher than \$20,000.

"I know the Martin organization well enough that I can go to them and ask them to come up with something a little more realistic," he said. "Their cost of waiting to do it a year from now is going to be huge. If it's a big number, it's not going to work ... I'd like to have the opportunity to talk to them."

School district business manager Angie Lockwood

Steininger estimated the

said the 2010 budget includes \$200,000 for work associated with the McIntosh demolition. The district also has excess construction funds that can be applied to the cost, she added.

The board has discussed using the land at the McIntosh site for building trades house lots.

"I'm not sure we could develop the land the way we'd want to with the gym," board president Rob Miller said.

While Steininger said the district would not risk anything by delaying the demolition a year, Kern noted that every year, the district incurs costs obtaining building trades lots.

Commending Steininger for his efforts, Kern added, "I'd love to see something go in there. But at this point I'm to the point where I feel like we need to do it and do it in the best interest of our students and constituents in the community."

"I enjoy history. The last thing I want to do is remove a building that has historical significance. But each of us is responsible for the welfare of the students and the taxpayers. That's our number one priority," board member Jim Miller added.





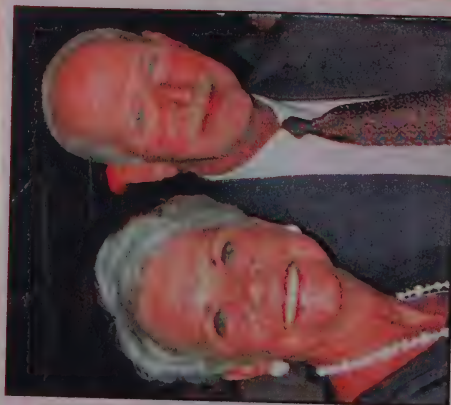
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## Lions donate to handicap playground project

The Auburn Lions Club donated \$2,000 to the Auburn Parks and Recreation Department earmarked for handicap-accessible playground equipment. The donation comes from the club's inaugural Turkey Trot, a 5K run held on Thanksgiving Day. Seventy people showed up for the 2011 race, club president Jim Mason said. Accepting the

donation on behalf of the Auburn Parks and Recreation Department is manager Rick Hower. From left are club member John Mohr, Hower, member David Turner, Mason, membership chair Mike Boger, Mayor Norm Yoder, Lions International Vice President Wayne Madden and member Darrell Warner.

*Jan. 2012*



## Silberg - 40th

Steve and Aggie (Eagen) Silberg of Auburn will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary Aug. 14. They were married at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Aug. 14, 1970. Mr. Silberg has worked in auto sales in Auburn for more than 47 years, beginning his career at Potter Motors and working the last several years with Sanderson Auto Sales. Mrs. Silberg retired as vice president from Wells Fargo Bank in 2006, after 36 years. They have two children and their spouses, Shelly and Rick Pickren and Chris and Robyn Packer, and five grandchildren.

## Letters to The Editor

### Look at options to save former high school

To the editor,

It was with great disappointment, and surprise, for Preservation of DeKalb Heritage to watch the DeKalb Central School Board choose to demolish the former Auburn High School and Gymnasium. PDH had been aware of, and supported the efforts of AHS alumni and Fort Wayne developer Don Steininger to quietly go about lining up support and funding for the project. The good condition of the complex, Mr. Steininger's offer to offset demolition costs, a viable alternative for the complex on the table to consider, and the opportunity to spare the taxpayers the cost of demolition has left many people baffled.

Although PDH can certainly sympathize with the school board's challenges of the property, the opportunity presented by Steininger outweigh them, it would seem. The school board voted to vacate the property and shut down the utilities eliminating that expense. The buildings are in very good condition, and that was confirmed by an architectural firm who toured the property in June. The structures would easily weather a year while Mr. Steininger worked with the community to devise the full plan, and if that did not pan out, he was personally guaranteeing the cost difference in demolition after a year if he was not successful. In other words, the community, the taxpayers, the school board had nothing to lose, and potentially a great opportunity to gain. Instead, we told someone who wants to make a commitment to his hometown, whose philanthropy is well documented in Fort Wayne with even a gift of \$1 million dollars to the Fort Wayne Community Foundation last year, and essentially said, "thanks, but no thanks." Was that a wise thing to do without seeing the possibilities and opportunity through?

Granted, Mr. Steininger's focus had been the 1925 gymnasium, however there are others in the community who would gladly take the opportunity to work with him on the school that see the structure as a central home for various nonprofits, Christian outreach programs such as the food bank, educational programs and more. All things in these tough economic times the community needs. The city of Auburn should not so passively defer the ultimate development fate of a piece of property that has such a prominent place and role in the community. The final say should be a joint collaboration between Auburn and DeKalb Central.

Mr. Steininger's efforts also quietly secured \$175,000 in private commitments for the gymnasium project alone as just a beginning without any broader fundraising efforts, and yet we are going to spend \$270,000 to eliminate an opportunity that we may be asking ourselves down the road, "Why did we do that?" After Auburn High School is gone, there are no second chances. Auburn has never done a large scale revitalization project like this before except for the ACD and NATMUS museums, and there are bumps along the way. But, that is

not necessarily a good reason to simply not explore a better alternative that gives the community something more than a vacant lot with the hope that it may be a site for a very long-term building trades project; something that would take years to develop fully, and not necessarily be the best fit for the location in terms of design, and in a region where the housing market is lagging.

PDH encourages the DeKalb Central School Board to re-engage Mr. Steininger and the community, before its demolition contract fully commits. See the opportunity put before us through. Many communities in these economic times would gladly take a closer look at the possibility that was placed in our hands for the AHS complex, but turned away. Auburn's loss could prove to be another community's gain.

At the same time, the citizens cannot stand on the sidelines and quietly cheer a re-use effort for the complex. It must let the school board know it favors the alternatives before it, and soon. Call, write, or send an e-mail to DeKalb Central School Board, and Mayor Yoder, and let them know there is indeed support from their constituents for AHS to be spared. Encourage the school board to revisit, or negotiate, the option presented to them by Mr. Steininger and local groups who wish to utilize the gym and school. Residents can also sign petitions that will be circulating during the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair at the Industrial Tent, or log on to [saveauburnhighschool.com](http://saveauburnhighschool.com).

**Roxanne Fike, president,  
Preservation of DeKalb Heritage**



## Goodbye To McIntosh



LINDSAY WINSLOW BROWN

The DeKalb Central school board Tuesday voted to demolish the McIntosh school and gymnasium. Work on razing the buildings

will begin no later than Oct. 19 and could be complete by the end of the year.

# Board votes to tear down school, gym

Developer makes plea to save old gymnasium

**BY KATHRYN BASSETT**  
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AUBURN — The McIntosh school and gymnasium will come under the wrecking ball, with work on razing the buildings beginning no later than Oct. 19.

The DeKalb Central school board Tuesday accepted a \$278,250 bid for demolishing the buildings, along with a \$10,695 alternate for removing asbestos, floor tile and mastic, from Martin Enterprises Inc.

Architect Kari Vilamaa said

the demolition could be completed before Christmas and seeding of the site will take place in the spring.

Architectural items of historic or sentimental value will be saved and offered to the public by way of closed bids, the board heard. The district also will save 5,000 bricks from the buildings and will make them available to the public as mementos of the school.

The district has been weighing its options for stabilizing, renovating or demolishing the McIntosh school and gymnasium. Tuesday night Fort Wayne developer and 1961 Auburn

High School graduate Don Steining of Steining Development made a last-ditch attempt at saving the gymnasium.

In a proposed memorandum of understanding, Steining asked the school board to withhold any demolition on the 86-year-old gym until Oct. 1, 2010. Steining said if he was unsuccessful in raising funds and creating an acceptable restoration plan by that time, he would pay the demolition cost differential between Oct. 1, 2009, and Oct. 1, 2010. If he was successful in funding a restoration and presenting an



## Save Auburn High School and Gym



Preservation of DeKalb Heritage

## What You Can Do?

Tell Dekalb Central's School Board to reconsider the vote to demolish the historic Auburn High School Complex. Encourage them to revisit alternatives presented to them. But, your voice must be heard **now**.

Call: Dekalb Central School Board

**260-920-1011**

Call: The City of Auburn, Mayor Norm Yoder

260-925-5430 ext 1001

Email:

Superintendent Grate

[sgrate@dekalb.k12.in.us](mailto:sgrate@dekalb.k12.in.us)

Write:

3326 SR 427

Waterloo, IN. 46793

Visit: [www.save.auburnhighschool.com](http://www.save.auburnhighschool.com)

Thank You



**History:** The Auburn High School and Gym is one of the last historic schools surviving in the city of Auburn, and Dekalb County.

The school was constructed in 1916-17 following the donation of the McIntosh Home that originally stood on the site. William McIntosh and his wife were both historians and teachers. Following Mrs. McIntosh's death, and on William McIntosh's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, he deeded his home for the site of the "new school" as a memorial to his late wife. The school is an excellent example of the Tudor Revival architectural style, and served as Auburn High School until the consolidation of the Dekalb Central United School District.

The gymnasium was constructed in 1925 by efforts of Auburn High School Alumni and students of the time. The first game held in the gymnasium was between the Waterloo and Auburn Girls Basketball teams.

### **Questions and Answers:**

Are the buildings in good condition? Yes, Repairs were made to the gymnasium walls last year. Grinsfelder and Associate Architects from Fort Wayne toured the

buildings in June and deemed there were in good condition.

### **What would the buildings be used for?**

The proposed use for the gym would be a community space that would potentially house community non profit office space, display space for artists, and a common area that could be utilized for class reunions and community performances

The School could be utilized for a variety of functions including being converted to housing. The former Angola High School was recently converted to senior housing as an example. The most immediate use for the school would continue to be a home for community needs such as the food bank, Christmas Bureau, and more to keep the building functional and in use while devising a long term plan.

### **What is the long term plan?**

A broad base community involved plan would be developed for the use of the school and launch a fundraising campaign that would particularly reach out to AHS Alumni around the nation.

### **What Was Being Offered?** An AHS

Alumnus, philanthropist, and developer had secured \$175,000 worth of commitments for just the gym portion of the complex in two short months from only three sources. No taxes revenues are being sought for the project. Everything is being funded with private donations. The developer asked the School Board to hold off on demolition for 1 year while preparations of the complex were complete. The school board rejected the offer, and opted for a demolition contract of \$270, 000 to demolish the entire Auburn High School campus. If the project is not moving forward after 1 year's time, the developer offered to personally make up any cost difference in demolition the Board would incur by allowing the plan to unfold.

### **Who would operate the AHS Campus?**

A new non profit entity that has been incorporated known as MACC (McIntosh Arts and Community Campus) could manage the complex in the future.



# Man dies in wreck

BY JIM SHILANDER

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**ASHLEY** — One person is dead and two injured following a crash outside Ashley at about 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Steuben County Sheriff's deputies said the driver of the vehicle, David M. Aschleman, 67, Auburn, died at the scene of the wreck at 6530 S. C.R. 400W.

Aschleman was driving a red pickup truck traveling southbound when he possibly suffered from some sort of medical issue and likely lost consciousness, officers said.

The vehicle left the road on the east side, hitting a mailbox before colliding with a utility pole, which was split due to the impact of the crash. The vehicle flipped onto its side.

The driver was pronounced dead at the scene, by Steuben County Coroner Rodney Snyder.

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impact," McHugh said. She only realized what happened, she said, when she saw police gathering in front of her home, after a neighbor on the other side of the street had called.

The crash is still under investigation by the sheriff's department and Snyder.

JIM SHILANDER







**Helen**

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Jenny -- my deepest sympathies.

In the 3rd (or 5th grade) with other guys watching at the Pony League Park, Dave and I had a short race. He won. We're both country kids; me from south of Auburn.

After high school, I only got to see you at reunions -- you were always there!

It'll be different now, but I hope to see you at our 50th.

Helen and some very good people have kept the Class of 61 together as a family.

Joe Drerup

On Oct 1, 2009, at 4:38 PM, meyersw@mchsi.com wrote:

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Auburn man dead in wreck near Ashley

By Jim Shilander [jims@kpcnews.net](mailto:jims@kpcnews.net)

Thursday, 01 October 2009 00:40

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Thomas Aschleman was listed in stable but serious condition at Cameron Wednesday. Raymond Aschleman was transferred to Parkview Hospital and was listed in fair condition Wednesday night.

The accident took place in homeowner Elisabeth McHugh's front yard. She said she looked out her window and saw her mailbox flying through the air, but did not hear anything.

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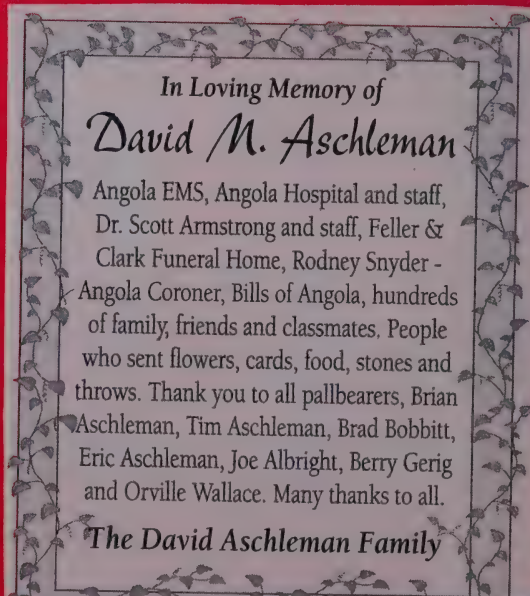
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Assisting at the scene were officials with the Ashley, Hudson and Indiana State police departments, Steuben County Communications, Steuben County Emergency Medical Service and Steuben Township Fire Rescue.

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A driver wrapped his red pickup truck around a telephone pole following a medical issue Wednesday morning near Ashley. The driver was pronounced dead at the scene. Photo by Jim Shilander.





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## McIntosh School Site Redevelopment & Auburn High School Memorial Park

### Building Trades Infill Housing

At the perimeter of the redevelopment would be new single family homes to be built by the DeKalb High School building trades department. The homes and lots would be designed in a style to compliment the historic character of downtown Auburn. Construction of the homes would provide DeKalb students with a lesson in building trades and construction as well as a better understanding of the design of the historic homes of the area.

### Auburn High School Memorial Park

At the center of the redevelopment would lie a park dedicated to the memory of the historic Auburn High School. Original brick, stone and metal components of the original building could be reused to create paved walkways, benches, fountains and other park amenities that maintain the look and iconography of the former school. Plaques with information about the building, recollections and anecdotes from former students and staff, photographs, etc. could be placed throughout the park. Various types of seating areas including a gazebo would provide places for reflection or just meetings among friends and neighbors.

### Wellness Park

The park would also serve as an outdoor wellness center for community residents, reminiscent of the physical activity of the former high school gymnasium. A variety of activities could be accommodated, and space is available for a 1/10th mile paved running track with fitness stations, a small childrens playground area, and a large open level field area.

**DeKalb County Central United School District**  
**McIntosh Equipment Bid List**  
**October 4, 2009 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Description of McIntosh Equipment:**

				Qty.			
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<b>Gym:</b>	<b>Item #</b>	<b>Requested:</b>	<b>Bid:</b>	<b>Second Floor:</b>	<b>Item #</b>	<b>Requested:</b>	<b>Bid:</b>
(1) scoreboard	G-1			(1) safe / vault - Mosler	SF-1		
(2) 2 pole stands for volleyball	G-2			(2) shelving unit - loose	SF-2		
(3) east main basketball goals	G-3			(3) wall fan	SF-3		
(4) west main basketball goals	G-4			(4) 14 folding cafeteria tables	SF-4-14		
(5) 22 folding cafeteria tables	G-5-22			(5) bulletin boards	SF-5		
(6) 24 gym lights over floor (120V)	G-6-24			(6) chalk boards	SF-6		
(7) pool table with cues	G-7			(7) 3 pianos	SF-7-3		
(8) 2 portable gym baskets	G-8-2			(8) gibson refrigerator	SF-8		
(9) 4 red benches	G-9-4			(9) stained glass - north	SF-9		
(10) leg press machine	G-10			(10) stained glass - south	SF-10		
(11) muscle max pre weight stand	G-11			(11) 5 ft. aluminum ladder	SF-11		
(12) muscle max weights	G-12			(12) 15 ft. aluminum ladder	SF-12		
(13) weight stand holder	G-13			(13) 2 - four section blue chairs	SF-13-2		
(14) barbells	G-14			(14) 36 plastic chairs	SF-14-36		
(15) 2 exercise bikes	G-15-2			(15) 19 laminate chairs w/4 legs	SF-15-19		
(16) 2 tall wooden cabinets (shrinkwrap)	G-16-2			(16) 39 chairs w/running bar legs	SF-16-39		
(17) wooden cabinet on wheels	G-17			(17) 2 blue metal folding chairs	SF-17-2		
(18) battery charger	G-18			(18) 12 blue metal folding chairs w/arm	SF-18-12		
(19) 7 metal chairs	G-19-7			(19) 3 soft blue chairs	SF-19-3		
(20) 9 grey chairs	G-20-9			(20) black soft desk chair	SF-20		
(21) plastic chair	G-21			(21) 2 - soft chair - black	SF-21-2		
(22) 2 av stands with wheels	G-22-2			(22) brown soft desk chair	SF-22		
(23) 2 Junior basketball backboards	G-23-2			(23) 2 stools	SF-23-2		
(24) 4 wooden doors	G-24-4			(24) 7 pull down movie screens	SF-24		
				(25) tall cabinet (shrinkwrap)	SF-25		
				(26) 5 teacher laminate cabinets	SF-26-5		
				(27) Royal typewriter	SF-27		
				(28) 3 av speaker boxes	SF-28-3		
				(29) pennants	SF-29		
				(30) 2 teacher desks	SF-30-2		
				(31) drafting desk	SF-31		
				(32) 38 metal student desks	SF-32-38		
				(33) wooden student desk	SF-33		
				(34) round pedestal table	SF-34		
				(35) 4 round tables	SF-35-4		
				(36) 2 square tables	SF-36-3		
				(37) 6 long rectangle tables	SF-37-6		
				(38) 2 computer monitors	SF-38-2		
				(39) 2 air conditioners	SF-39-2		
				(40) display board	SF-40		
				(41) 3 TV's	SF-41-3		
				(42) 2 antique maps	SF-42-2		
				(43) hand rails	SF-43		
				(44) bannister in stairwells	SF-44		
				(45) 7 ft. shelf w/shelves (classroom)	SF-45		
		Qty.					
<b>First Floor:</b>	<b>Item #</b>	<b>Requested:</b>	<b>Bid:</b>				
(1) 2 bike racks - (outside North door)	FF-1-2						
(2) dumb bells and rack	FF-2						
(3) wall coat rack	FF-3						
(4) 2 study carols	FF-4-2						
(5) 3 tables	FF-5-3						
(6) table with wheels	FF-6						
(7) double seat couch - black	FF-7						
(8) single seat couch - black	FF-8						
(9) 2 teacher desk w/chair	FF-9-2						
(10) partitions (in classroom)	FF-10						
(11) 13 student desks	FF-11-13						
(12) oak cabinet	FF-12						
(13) tall damaged cabinet (shrinkwrap)	FF-13						
(14) air conditioner	FF-14						
(15) entertainment center	FF-15						
(16) 9 section wooden book shelf	FF-16						
(17) tall maple cabinet	FF-17						
(18) damaged globe	F-18						
(19) 4 shelf book shelf	F-19						

**Additional Information:**

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## McIntosh School Comes Down

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DAVE KURTZ

A heavy crane operated by Martin Inc. of Fort Wayne pulls down the north wall of McIntosh School in Auburn Tuesday afternoon. Demolition

of the original portion of the 1921 building began Tuesday around 12:30 p.m. By late afternoon, a large portion of the building had been razed.

# Topic turns to site's future

ATHRYN BASSETT

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WATERLOO — A group that its fight to save the former Auburn High School and Alumni Gymnasium from demolition now is to help find a suitable use for the land on which the buildings are located.

A reservation of DeKalb County tag members and other persons who favored saving the buildings from the wrecking ball led the DeKalb Central School District's board room for Tuesday night's school board meeting, speaking on behalf of PDH, Wayne attorney Tom Kimbrough said the land on which

the buildings sat was deeded to the school corporation in 1916 by William H. McIntosh.

According to the deed, the land was to be used for high school purposes only. If the property ceases being used for that purpose, it reverts to its grantor or heirs, Kimbrough said. He noted that the land stopped being used as a high school in 1967.

"The land should have been deeded back in 1967. We know that clearly did not happen," Kimbrough said.

"It should not make any difference that time has passed. None of the heirs were even aware that they had this right. Those heirs are

extremely interested in the property and what might happen with the property."

School district attorney Erik Weber said in his opinion, the heirs had 30 years to exercise the reverter clause in the deed, beginning in 1967 when the school ceased being used as a high school.

"We are into the 43rd year. I don't believe it's applicable," Weber said after the meeting. "But the real issue is what is the best use of that property. The board has never lost sight of that."

Mary Hohler of PDH said she did not think the board had

proposed trades homes was just a proposal and, since then, people have come forth with a plan," said Hohler. "If that's the case, we certainly want to sit down and talk. It's just a shame that it didn't happen while the building was still standing."

We never saw it again." Fort Wayne developer Don Steinger, who in September submitted a proposal for developing the gym, offered to work with the school board to develop a plan for the property that would be "complementary and acceptable" to the community.

you not know?" Miller asked. Some members of the audience argued that public discussion had centered around the gym and not on the school. At the outset of the meeting, board president Rob Miller talked about the lack of public input and attendance at earlier



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# attacks workers

## Tries to hit school demolition crews

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

AUBURN — An Auburn woman used her car to try to hit demolition workers at McIntosh School in Auburn last week, according to Auburn Police.

The woman drove through the school's parking lot in a tan Ford Taurus on the afternoon of Oct. 15, said an incident report filed by Police Chief Martin D. McCoy.

A copy of the report provided to The Star deleted the woman's name. McCoy said he has spoken with the DeKalb County prosecutor's office about possible criminal charges. Her name would become public if she is arrested.

Chief Deputy Prosecutor Donald Shively said Wednesday that the case remains under review.

McCoy said he used the car's license-plate number to find the woman and spoke with her outside her apartment in Auburn after the incident.

McCoy's report said: "I asked her why she tried to run over the construction crews. She said, 'They should be run over.' I asked her why, and she said, 'Because they are tearing down the school.'"

McCoy said he tried to explain to the woman that the construction workers did not decide to raze the school.

The DeKalb Central school board hired Martin Inc. to demolish the school, which opened in 1921, and an adjoining gymnasium that was 85 years old.

Demolition of the school began last week and continues this week. The gymnasium already has been leveled.

McCoy said the woman argued  
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## DRIVER: Chief warns against returning to site

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with him, saying it was too late to change the school board by the election process before the building came down.

The chief's report continued: "I gave her a trespass warning for the property and explained that she will be arrested if she goes back there, and that she could be charged for trying

to run over the construction crew. She did not seem to care."

The McIntosh School building housed Auburn High School until 1967, when DeKalb High School opened. The building later served as home to a junior high school and elementary school. In its final years, it housed an alternative school, as well as a church and

social service agencies that leased space in the building.

Emotions about demolition of the school ran high at the DeKalb Central school board's public meeting Tuesday night in school headquarters.

The meeting ended with discussion about citizens possibly helping to decide a future use for the site after it is cleared.

Part of the building still stands among the rubble. Why has demolition stopped? Why don't they finish what was ordered by the DeKalb school board?

Tuesday, Oct. 20, a former student stood watching as the walls were being knocked down. She asked the foreman to stop. "Can't do that," was the reply. The school board has to stay "stop." That never happened. Why? Because so many wanted the building saved, so many. No possible way to repair or replace history.

The meeting took place. Facial expressions of board members showed all in attendance no one, no offers to buy, no petitions signed, were telling them to save the McIntosh High School or gym! The school board members do not know the definition of the word respect!

Board member Jim Miller brought up that two years ago a plan for the gym, presented by three area men, was never looked at. Miller also stated everyone should have heard about the plan, and why didn't others get involved? Reason: the outdoor theater was more important.

A deed was found, and that information was given to the school board and their attorney. A glimmer of hope, that this might change the board members' minds. That never happened, either.

Marilyn Carr  
Auburn

Perhaps given in someone's memory or honor. A model of the school, made to scale, somewhere in the park. Many other ideas are possible.

I would like to see something smart on that land to improve the appearance of our lovely community.

Charlotte Igney  
A 50-year citizen of Auburn

### Patriot Day project a success

To the editor:  
The Pokagon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution wish to thank everyone who gave so generously to our Patriot Day project.

Their donations for phone cards will be sent to DAR state treasurer, who will divide it between Camp Atterbury and Landsuhl, Germany, Medical Center for our military men and women.

May God bless you and our military.  
Catherine Covelli, Chairman  
Lela Jackson, Regent

### Nothing would change board members' minds

To the editor:  
Oct. 21, 2009, temperature 71, warm, sunny day. Why, then, is there no demolition being done at McIntosh High School?

support RSVP's Share the Warmth program 10-23-09

To the editor:  
"Helping Hands," calling on everyone to come to the aid of those in need.

Soon the RSVP will sponsor the "orthwhile 'Share the Warmth' program in our counties. This special service provides coats, hats, scarves, mittens and gloves to adults and children.

In the past, you have been generous. I ask you again this year to support this worthy cause.

Those who knit and/or sew, please consider additional donations of mittens and loved. These items go quickly.

Thank you for your continued support.  
A.J. Kuhn, RSVP volunteer  
Auburn

### Reader offers ideas for former school site

To the editor:  
In response to McIntosh, no definite plan or site:

I propose a grassy area with trees and flowers. In the center, a place for our future, "the children." You are tearing down the past.

How about some benches throughout?



# \$10 million school project

## First option calls for razing 1930 Harrison building

BY DAVE KURTZ

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AUBURN — DeKalb Central school officials unveiled a plan to replace the 79-year-old Harrison School in a public meeting Tuesday.

The \$10 million project would build a new classroom wing at the McKenney-Harrison Elementary School campus on Auburn's west side.

A new wing housing 18 classrooms would stand immediately to the east of the Harrison building. It would roughly match the existing McKenney classroom wing in size.

Only a dozen citizens attended Tuesday's meeting. A second session is planned for Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the McKenney gymnasium.

Superintendent Sherry Grate opened Tuesday's meeting and encouraged people to "think about what's in the best interest of students."

McKenney-Harrison principal Mike Ellinger said the Harrison building's classrooms are "so

long and narrow that they created a significant challenge for our teachers and students every day."

Instead of razing the Harrison building, architect Karl Vilamaa said it could be renovated in an alternate \$9 million plan. It would include cosmetic improvements, masonry repair and new heating and air conditioning.

"It doesn't address making those classrooms any wider," however, Vilamaa said of the alternate plan.

A third option would be building a brand-new school at a cost of \$15.6 million, the architect said.

But a renovation project of \$10 million or less could qualify for low-interest loans through a federal stimulus program.

Availability of the loans pushed the McKenney-Harrison project forward for the school district, which had been considering it for 2012, Grate said.

Business manager Angie Lockwood said the

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DANE KURTZ

**Harrison School, which opened in 1930, would be razed as part of a proposed project to build a new classroom wing for McKenney-Harrison Elementary School on Auburn's west side.**

## SCHOOL PROJECT: New cafeteria part of plans

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district aims to avoid an increase in property tax rates. The plan presented Tuesday would have "about as little impact to our taxpayers as a renovation project could," she added.

"It appears to be the right thing to do to at least look into it," Lockwood said about the McKenney-Harrison project.

In addition to a new

classroom wing, the plan described Tuesday includes other improvements. On the building's north side, the media center would be enlarged and become a new cafeteria and kitchen. A new media center would be build as a second story above the new cafeteria.

A small addition on the building's east side would expand the office and create a more secure entry. The

existing McKenney building would get new heating and air conditioning. Finally, the gymnasium restroom area would be renovated.

Parking and playground areas would occupy the site of the Harrison building if it were demolished.

Grate said the school district could conduct a formal hearing on the plan in November and apply for federal funding in January.



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## Auburn High School class of 1959 reunites

Members of the Auburn High School class of 1959 met for their 50th class reunion Aug. 15. In front, from left, are Darlene (Brown) Tucker, Fern (Humbert) Wilcoxson, Louanne (Blickenstaff) Nugen, Karen (Koepp) Baker, Kay (Frank) Sanders, Cynthia (Peckhart) McCrory, Patricia (Middaugh) Middleton and Carma (Platter) Myers. In the second row, from left, are Melanie (Myers) Muehlmeier, Janice (Scott) Atkin, Linda (Alley) Clifton, Libby (Cline) Ryan, Mary Ann (Davidson) Martin, Judy (VanDercar) Smyjunas, Patsy (Stoops) Stalter, Rebecca (Treadwell)

Henry, Sylvia Grogg and Judy (Pickard) Jackemeyer. In the third row, from left, are teacher Robert Love, Chuck Laurie, Eri Rieke, Bill Croy, Mike Boger, Judy (Aubrey) Correl, Cathy (Cobler) Armstrong and Rod Goodwin. In back, from left, are Mike Crowely, Gene Link, David Liddell, Gordon Gouveia, Jack Cook, Dave Gorny and John Nugen. Those in attendance, but not pictured were Mary Ann (Gerig) Black, teacher Betty Lou Stomm and her husband, Larry, teacher Robert Bragg and his wife, Donna.



**BarryHelen**

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**From:** "Steven Rose" <docswr43@yahoo.com>  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 18, 2010 10:37 AM  
**Subject:** Ron Tarlton's Obit. & Lee Emerson's latest location

Dear Helen,

Hope you had a great winter in Fla.! Becky just notified me of Ron Tarelton's obit.--so sorry to

hear about that, but he & I were exposed to so many different chemicals during our professional lives

that it doesn't really surprise me any more. I have lost so many Viet Nam era vets this year alone that it is scary! I told Becky that in Ron's case--a year ago it almost was me-- cecal cancer removed, blood

clot after surgery, Chemo with 2 more blood clots and now in March I celebrated a year off Chemo--

no Rad ther. needed. Now in a month we will be going to Oberamergau, Ger. to the Passion play&

Austria, Germany & Switzerland afterwards. That is if the "volcano" behaves--dust clouds & all.

I was wondering if Lee Emerson had a new e-mail or phone number or both? My e-mails were getting to him until last March or so. Then tried calling and got the answering machine zone which was not a surprise given his mobility problems, but he usually called back in 24 hr.

period! None of my last few calls

or e-mail forwards have been answered. I am concerned with his weight up in the low 300's that he may

have been admitted to the VA hospital in Indy. Have you heard any thing from the kids? I know Wendy

is not in his best favor right now, but she live in Indy & I thought he might be with her to be close to VA

Clinics & Hospital, Anything you can get to me before Fri. would be appreciated as I am returning to an

IUPUI Alumni meet/greet session Fri & Sat 21-22. Thanks in advance for your efforts. Steve Rose.

5/18/2010



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>> CLASS REUNION OF A 60+  
>> YEAR OLD LADY  
>> I had prepared for it  
>> like any intelligent woman would. I went on a  
>> starvation diet the day before, knowing that all the extra  
>> weight would just melt off in 24 hours, leaving me with my  
>> sleek, trim, high-school-girl body. The last forty  
>> years of careful cellulite collection would just be gone  
>> with a snap of a finger.  
>> I knew if I didn't eat a morsel on Friday, that I could  
>> probably fit into my senior formal on Saturday.  
>> Trotting up to the attic, I pulled the gown out of the  
>> garment bag, carried it lovingly downstairs, ran my hand  
>> over the fabric, and hung it on the door.  
>> I stripped naked, looked in the mirror, sighed, and  
>> thought, "Well, okay, maybe if I shift it all to the  
>> back ..." Bodies never have pockets where you  
>> need them.  
>> Bravely I took the gown off the hanger, unzipped the  
>> shimmering dress and stepped gingerly into it. I  
>> struggled, twisted, turned, and pulled and I got the formal  
>> all the way up to my knees ... before the zipper gave out.  
>> I was disappointed. I wanted to wear that dress  
>> with those silver sandals again and dance the night away.  
>> Okay, one setback was not going to spoil my mood for  
>> this affair. No way! Rolling the dress into a  
>> ball and tossing it into the corner, I turned to Plan B:  
>> the black crepe caftan.  
>> I gathered up all the goodies that I had purchased at Saks:  
>> the scented shower gel; the body building and  
>> highlighting shampoo and conditioner; the split-end killer  
>> and shine enhancer. Soon my hair would look like that  
>> girl's in the Pantene ads.  
>> Then the makeup -- the under eye "ain't no lines  
>> here" firming cream, the all-day face-lifting  
>> gravity-fighting moisturizer with wrinkle filler spackle;  
>> the 'all day kiss  
>> me till my lips bleed, and see if this gloss will come  
>> off' lipstick, the bronzing face powder for that special  
>> glow.  
>> But first, the roll-on facial hair remover. I could feel  
>> the wrinkles shuddering in fear.

>> Okay, time to get ready! I jumped into the steaming  
>> shower, soaped, lathered, rinsed, shaved, tweezed, buffed,  
>> scrubbed and scoured my body to a tingling pink.  
>> I plastered my freshly scrubbed face with the anti-wrinkle,  
>> gravity fighting "your face will look like a baby's  
>> posterior" face cream. I set my hair on hot  
>> rollers.  
>> I felt wonderful. Ready to take on the world.  
>> Or in this instance, my underwear. With the towel  
>> firmly wrapped around my glistening body, I pulled out the  
>> black lace, tummy-tucking, cellulite-pushing, ham  
>> hock-rounding girdle, and the matching "lifting those  
>> bosoms like they're filled with helium" bra.  
>> I greased my body with the scented body lotion and began  
>> the plunge. I pulled, stretched, tugged, hiked,  
>> folded, tucked, twisted, shimmied, hopped, pushed, wiggled,  
>> snapped, shook, caterpillar crawled and kicked. Sweat  
>> poured off my forehead but I was done. And it  
>> didn't look bad. So I rested. A well  
>> deserved rest, too.  
>> The girdle was on my body. Bounce a quarter off my  
>> behind? It was tighter than a trampoline. Can  
>> you say, "Rubber baby buggy bumper buns?"  
>> Okay, so I had to take baby steps, and walk sideways,  
>> and I couldn't move from my buns to my knees. But  
>> I was firm!  
>> Oh no ... I had to go to the bathroom. And there  
>> wasn't a snap crotch. From now on, undies gotta  
>> have a snap crotch. I was ready to rip it open and  
>> re-stitch the crotch with Velcro, but the pain factor from  
>> past experiments was still fresh in my mind. I quickly  
>> sidestepped to the bathroom.  
>> An hour later, I had answered nature's call and  
>> repeated the struggle into the girdle. I was ready for  
>> the bra. I remembered what the saleslady said to do.  
>> I could see her glossed lips mouthing, "Do  
>> not fasten the bra in the front, and twist it around.  
>> Put the bra on the way it should be worn -- straps  
>> over the shoulders. Then bend over and gently place  
>> both breasts inside the cups." Easy if you have  
>> four hands. But, with confidence, I put my arms into  
>> the holsters, bent over and pulled the bra down ... but the  
>> boobs weren't cooperating.  
>> I'd no sooner tuck one in a cup, and while placing the  
>> other, the first would slip out. I needed a strategy.  
>> I bounced up and down a few times, tried to dribble  
>> them in with short bunny hops, but that didn't work.  
>> So, while bent over, I began rocking gently back and  
>> forth on my heel and toes and I set 'em to swinging.  
>> Finally, on the fourth swing, pause, and lift, I  
>> captured the gliding glands. Quickly fastening the

>> back of the bra, I stood up for examination. Back  
>> straight, slightly arched, I turned and faced the mirror,  
>> turning front, and then sideways. I smiled, yes,  
>> Houston, we have lift up! My breasts were high, firm  
>> and there was cleavage! I was happy until I tried to  
>> look down. I had a chin rest. And I couldn't  
>> see my feet.  
>> I still had to put on my pantyhose, and shoes. Oh ...  
>> why did I buy heels with buckles? Then I had to pee  
>> again.  
>> So I put on my sweats, fixed myself a drink, ordered pizza,  
>> and skipped the high school reunion.  
>> If this did not give you a good laugh -- you're too  
>> young!  
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Tributes

# Living in heaven on earth

Margaret Davis experienced God through birds, flowers

BY DAVE KURTZ

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AUBURN — Margaret Davis saw the world through an artist's eyes, said her daughter, Sherri Sible.

Her discerning eyes closed in death Aug. 1, 2010, at the age of 96.

College-trained as an artist, she married Kelso Davis in 1934 in Michigan. They moved to Auburn in 1938, when they bought a photography studio. They would operate the business for the next 60 years.

"It was a lucky blend, the photographer and the artist," Sible said.

Margaret Davis used her talents to apply tints to her husband's black-and-white pictures, giving them felike colors.

While her husband served in the armed forces during World War II, she ran the studio herself for two years. One of the child portraits she took during that time hung in the front room of their business until it died.

"He said that was their best portrait — and Mother did it," Sible said.

After the war, Margaret Davis lived the couple's three daughters worked from their home on a gracious corner lot just south of Auburn.

"Dad was always ready to move to town," Sible said, but Mrs. Davis wouldn't budge. "She said, 'This is paradise. This is my heaven on earth.'"

Her well-tended, personal Garden Eden contained more than 20 varieties of trees, along with bushes and flowers of all types. She bought sandstone from her mother's den in Michigan to build a rock garden. She raised plants that attracted butterflies and, every day, put out suet for the birds.

Once, when a favorite tree of the family died, she had her son-in-law, Dave Sible, dig a hole and "plant" the



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Margaret Davis poses with flowers in her "heaven on earth" yard and gardens south of Auburn.

stump, so it would stay upright for use as a perch.

"Mom kind of took care of this little corner of God's creation," Sible said.

She cared for her family, too, teaching faith and faithfulness through quiet example and taking pride in her 66-year marriage to Kelso, who died in 2000.

The couple took their daughters to Sunday school and church every week.

"They didn't have to tell us it was important," Sible said.

Granddaughter Kayleen Leonard surprised Mrs. Davis last Valentine's Day with a book of memories and messages compiled by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. On the cover, above a photo of a young Kelso and Margaret Davis, Leonard wrote, "Through the sharing and the love of two lives, generations have been touched."

One grandchild wrote in the book that he valued "a legacy of love for

family and faith in her Lord that has been passed down."

Margaret Davis sang in the First United Methodist Church choir for 60 years. She told her daughters that the lyrics of a favorite benediction song, "Go Now in Peace," represented her final message to everyone.

Using her artistic talents, she designed scores of Sunday bulletin covers for the church. Her artwork fit a variety of seasons and occasions, and she often added a motto, "Praise through daily living."

The words fit Margaret Davis, who experienced God through the beauty of flowers, birds and trees.

"We think we have to do so many things and make our lives count by being busy," said her daughter, Diane Manon.

Her mother's lesson, Manon said, is that simply enjoying and appreciating God's creation "was as important to the Lord as any of the things the rest of us do."



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Frank Pulver, below right, and his wife, Kara Pulver, of Auburn have donated the

former Auburn High School gymnasium scoreboard to the NATMUS museum.

## Museum displays historic Auburn gym's scoreboard

AUBURN — The scoreboard from the former Auburn High School gymnasium is now on display at the National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States in Auburn.

Frank Pulver purchased the scoreboard just before Alumni Gymnasium was demolished last year. Pulver played many basketball games under the scoreboard and earned more letters than any other athlete at Auburn High School, said NATMUS director Don Grogg.

The scoreboard did not work when purchased, but Grogg said Bill Lock of Auburn rewired it, including the timer and horn, and made a complete schematics of its internal workings.

NATMUS turns on the scoreboard daily and displays a score with Auburn in the lead.

"We are honored to have this piece of Auburn's history located in another piece of Auburn's history," Grogg said. "Please stop by and see the scoreboard in action."



## GOOD MORNING

### NATMUS selling holiday poinsettias

AUBURN — The National Automotive & Truck Museum of the United States is selling large poinsettias for \$11 each as a fundraising project.

Each poinsettia will be approximately 15 inches tall and 15 inches in diameter, wrapped in holiday foil.

They are available in red, white and marbled colors.

Plants will be delivered to the museum during the first week of December. Orders must be placed by Nov. 2.

Visit the museum or call 925-9100 to order a poinsettia.

Proceeds will go toward improving the museum, which is a National Historic Landmark.

### Long Thompson tapped by Obama

WASHINGTON (AP) — Last year's Democratic candidate for Indiana governor has been nominated by President Barack Obama to the board that oversees the federal Farm Credit Administration.



The nomination would return Jill Long

Thompson to Washington,

BY MATT GETTIS  
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AUBURN — With one official calling the H1N1 situation "rampant," DeKalb Memorial Hospital has joined neighboring hospitals in changing its visitation policy to help stop the spread of the flu virus.

DeKalb Memorial officials implemented their policy effective Friday.

According to the new policy, the hospital is asking you *not* to visit patients at DeKalb Memorial if:

- you are feeling sick;
- you have recently been exposed to anyone with flu symptoms;
- you have flu symptoms that may include fever, headache, fatigue, dry cough, sore throat.

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## Injectable vaccine arrives in DeKalb

AUBURN — The DeKalb County Health Department received its first injectable H1N1 influenza vaccine this week, according to Tammy McMaken, R.N., public health nurse for the county.

"We have received very limited doses," McMaken said. "These initial doses are being administered to healthcare workers who have direct contact with ill patients. This includes

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## The Walls Come Tumbling Down



A backhoe operator for Martin Enterprises drops a load of debris Friday afternoon during the

contractors began the project by razing a newer portion at the rear of the school. The main

DAVE KURTZ

# Indiana flu toll hits 7

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Deaths of residents of Morgan County and Tippecanoe County have brought to seven the number of swine flu-related deaths in Indiana.

The Indiana State Department of Health reported the deaths Friday in a news release. It provided no additional information on the deaths.

However, in Lafayette, Tippecanoe County health officer Dr. Michael Bohlin says a 40-year-old woman died of complications from swine flu. He says she had a previous medical condition that contributed to respiratory failure. The woman died Thursday at a Lafayette hospital.



# OPINION

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## Letters To The Editor

### Show your concern about McIntosh at board meeting

To the editor:

This letter is an attempt to give a public expression for the words, thoughts, and concerns of many DeKalb County citizens in recent weeks. How do you voice an opinion on an issue? Some attend meetings, some write letters, some make phone calls or e-mails, and others sign petitions. In this age of technology, some join Facebook discussions to show their interest too. There is no "right way" to express a point of view.

The fact is people are showing their opinion for the handling of the DeKalb School Board's issue of the McIntosh/Auburn High School. These are taxpayers who are concerned for various reasons. Some for nostalgia, some for the severe lack of due process on the board's part to engage the public beyond stories in the newspaper, and others for the simple fact the board is spending nearly \$300,000 when it is not necessary. Instead, the public's tax dollars will subsidize its 10-year building trades project and memorial park on the site. That money could have been spent on students, teachers, or other facilities for the district.

But, the board never took an active role in engaging the community. Instead it sat back and waited with skepticism, and shrugged, "Oh well, no one ever came to our meetings". That is an excuse, and the board owes it to the taxpayers to go a little deeper than that in effort for such a big issue, not just going through the motions. They were not elected to just take the easy way out. Being a public official means taking the time to really do your homework. But in this case the board has locked on to demolition as the only option.

The school board has not done their homework. DeKalb Central has failed to honor the generous gift of the McIntosh family, and to be respectful of their heirs regarding the deed that made Auburn High School reality. It is families such as the Eckharts, McIntoshs, Riekes, Willennars, Grabers and others, who have done much as benefactors to make this a wonderful community we call home. It is disturbing to know there are those who are in positions of power who now ignore these

attended, questions asked, it was a done deal! Repairs done to the gym at a cost of over \$20,000, was this to blindside those that had hopes of saving the gym and school?

McIntosh High School lacked maintenance to keep the building up to standards. What would happen to our homes if we did not keep repairing the windows, roof and furnace, changing filters, good ventilation of walls?

McIntosh School and gym lacked TLC. The board's plans were all ready — build eight homes using the building trades class. Where will the money come from? Purchase of materials, hiring outside, contractors to oversee the concrete work, electrical wiring, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, landscaping, sewer system, running water lines, curbing, sidewalks and miscellaneous projects.

The cost of demolition is \$278,000 plus \$11,000 removal of asbestos. Where did this money come from? No gain, just loss. Too much history gone! How sad.

Marilyn Carr  
Auburn

### Hamilton cross country team makes history

To the editor:

History was made Tuesday night in boys cross country here at Hamilton. Our boys cross country team placed 5th out of 13 schools to qualify for the first-ever regional in school history, Coach Brian Miller and his Marines should be commended.

The fire truck ride at 9 p.m. last night was great for the boys and coaches, and they didn't even feel the 40-degree temperatures. Thanks to Bryce Gordon and the Hamilton Fire Department for the ride.

A great sportsmanship event also took place last night. The three Prairie Heights coaches came over to congratulate Brian for this accomplishment and then, as Rusty Nickum had done numerous times this season, he went over and encouraged the boys and told them how proud and happy he was for them. After the awards program was over, both the Fremont and Prairie Heights boys cross country teams came over to share in the excitement and

zone.

The mayor's exact words were, I don't have a problem giving you a 200-foot buffer around your properties. I live at 2148 C.R. 48, and my property was included in that offer. He was looking directly at me when he made that statement.

I was at the meeting Tuesday evening the 13th, and when I brought the matter up in front of the board, the mayor said he didn't remember making that statement. Well, I do, and so do all of the rest of the people who were at that meeting. It seems as though the mayor is having some memory issues, like so many of the other people who hold public offices.

I feel I was brushed off, so after the meeting, I spoke to Mayor Yoder, and he said I was not going to have a buffer around my property, with no explanation as to why I was not included.

I would like some answers as to why I'm not included, and what do I have to do to get included. Living where we live, we are told what we can and can't do by the City of Auburn. We can't vote in any city elections, and it's very frustrating when we have to deal with people in City Hall who have memory issues.

Greg Rice  
Almost in Auburn

### McIntosh School's fate inspires poetry

To the editor:

Goodbye to the Mother of Classics  
Thy mother of nurturing innocence,  
who instilled thy character that has  
guided my humbled soul, since  
I was but a little lad,  
has quietly succumbed to the cancer  
of shallow and unfortunate desires.  
A true classic of which there are but  
few,  
she stood proudly, without an ounce of  
shame,  
as crews came and cast her final  
destruction,  
despite opposition within public view.  
Her heart and her integrity will carry  
on,  
through heroic legends and the lives of  
those  
who sprang from her faith and left the



# over the DeKalb School Board's decision to destroy our history and violate the McIntosh's family wishes?

Meeting TONIGHT at 7:00 PM

## Auburn school eating money

to the editor:  
Finally, someone has done something that  
DeKalb County and the City of Auburn  
is time of need.

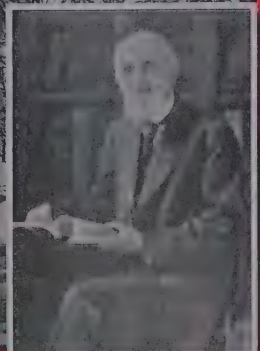
I'm referring to the article in Saturday's  
on finding the deed for the Auburn High  
ool building land, and I did mean land,  
the building that is on it. It only seems  
it to me that the school corporation return  
land to the heirs of W.H. McIntosh in the  
condition that it was received, bare land  
h no buildings sitting on it. Why should  
heirs get a building that the taxpayers of  
burn in 1916 had built on the land that  
y were given the use of? That would be  
e giving Rieke Park back to the Rieke  
nly with all the improvements that have  
en made to it with donations and taxpayers'  
oney.

I may be wrong on this point, but isn't the  
chool corporation exempt from paying  
roperty taxes? If that's the case, it will be  
ice to have the property back on the tax rolls  
a this time of need by both city and county  
overnment. Matter of fact, can we go after  
ack taxes all the way from 1967 when the  
uilding "should" have gone back to the heirs

W.H. McIntosh? That should be more than  
ough money to cover the cost of the  
emolition several times over.

I, for one, have been glad to see the  
uilding go, rather than continue to eat up our  
x money in utilities and maintenance. Only  
400 people signed the petition to "save" the  
uilding in a town of over 10,000 people?  
uh, seems to me like the majority is siding  
with the school board on this one. Whatever  
appened to the effort to save the gym from a  
ouple years ago? Oh, yeah, I forgot — lack  
f people willing to put their money in a  
worthless" project, much like the effort to  
ave the old power plant building on Wayne  
treet. If you ask me, the wasted money was  
what we spent to patch up the gym building  
instead of tearing the thing down.

Ron Strahm  
Auburn

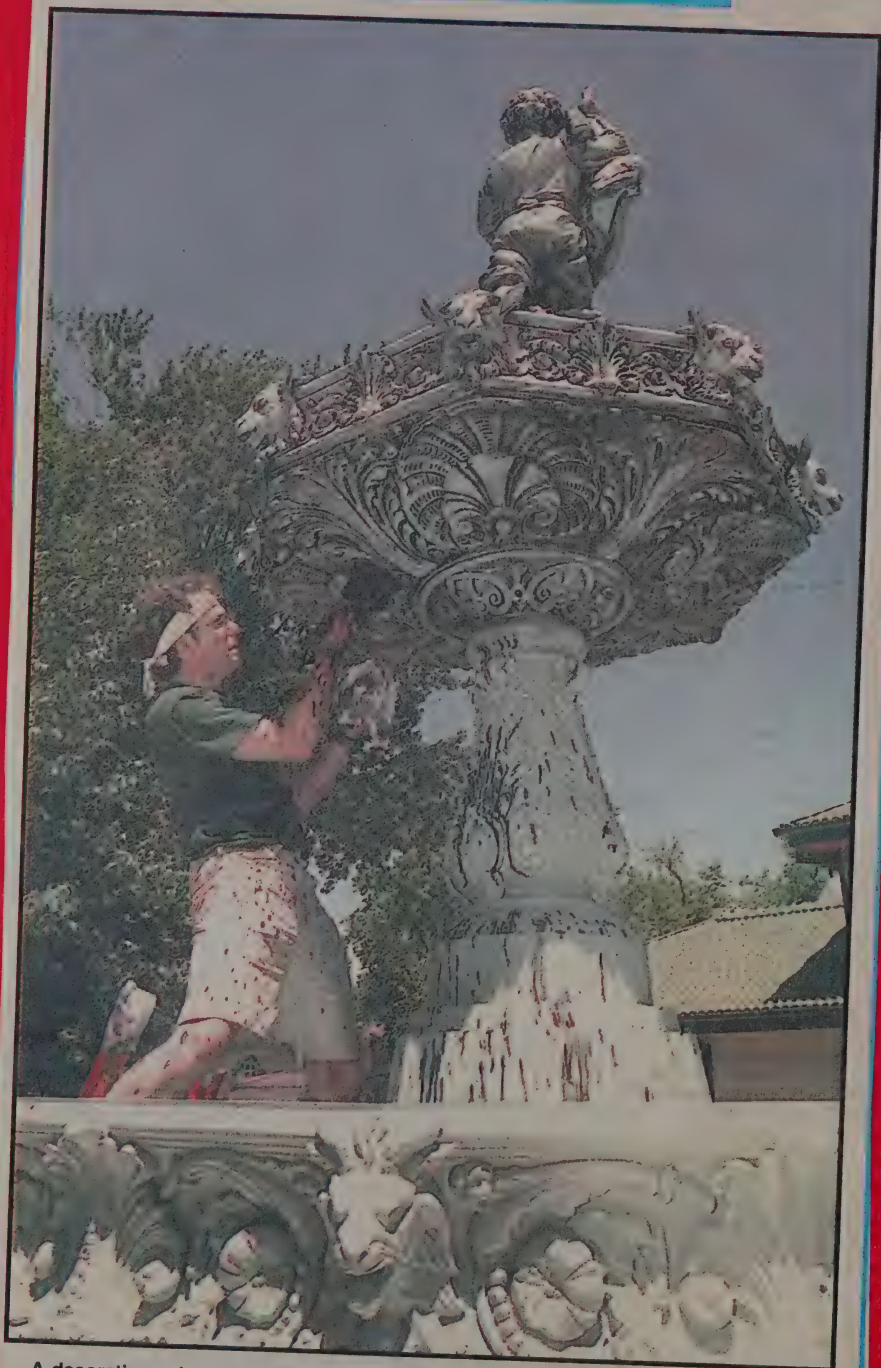


W.H. McIntosh

W.H. McIntosh, the grandfather  
of the author, was the original  
owner of the building shown in  
the photo. He was a member of  
the Auburn School Board and  
was instrumental in the building's  
construction and subsequent  
demolition.

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## ADDING 85 YEARS



A decorative painter from The Garland Guild bastes Eckhart Public Library's fountain with a weathered-bronze look Thursday. He stroked black paint over the green, rust-protectant primer, giving an aged look to the 85-year-old, cast-iron fountain outside Auburn's library. The fountain returned to its historic setting Tuesday after eight months in a restoration shop. It will be dedicated in a July 19 ceremony. (Star photo by Dean A. Orewiler)



ODE TO AHS by Diane Marie Manon

So many things have been said and written about the AHS/McIntosh complex. Many thoughts and deep feelings have been expressed here tonight at the DeKalb Central School Board meeting, October 20, 2009. The demolition of the McIntosh High School has begun.

On October 13, 2009, Alumni Gymnasium began to be taken apart, brick by brick. That day, or was it the next, as the rain fell from overcast skies, someone wondered if the tears were from Zeke and the boys?

I stand here tonight eight short, yet interminable, days later as one who could do nothing to stop the diesel fumes rising from the engine of the **RED AND BLACK** crane this afternoon! Could do nothing to stop its grasping mouth as it inched up and up toward the very north east tower of McIntosh High School. Metal jaws began to take bite after bite and sent showers of bricks cascading to the ground - dreams, falling, broken, upon the earth.

Five short hours later I stood with my husband John, on Fifteenth Street looking at the Westward entrance of this grand old lady who had been there all of our lives. Hand in hand, two Auburn High School grads, even now seeing in memory the old wooden doors opening into the heart of this magnificent building. I thanked the Lord for the evening sun, golden, warm, setting her bricks aglow one last time: marking her parapets bold and proud against the azure sky. She was still being guarded by ten lonely sentinels whose leaves are gone - shed this final season as tears to tomorrow of that which will be only a memory.

A last glimpse before I would rush off to a School Board meeting which only yesterday held the hope that McIntosh still could be saved. It has been one final evening to stand vigil here and recall memories of a lifetime built brick upon brick for all who hold her dear, high school, junior high, elementary school. One last memory for everyone who ever walked these halls.

One last snapshot for Kelso Davis and all the kids in all the pictures. One last chalk line on the blackboards for every teacher who gave us the building blocks from which to fashion the foundation of our lives. One last

hoop shot for the '49 State Finalist Team and everyone who played any sport including my father-in-law, Squirt Manon. One last note for all the musicians who played or sang upon the stages here.

One last Harrah! One final refrain - Fling out the dear old flag of  
crimson and black. RED and BLACK. We're loyal to you, Auburn High!

**BarryHelen**

**From:** "Steve Silberg" <slick1943@yahoo.com>  
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Congratulations on your achievement with Junior Achievement. It's a great honor that you are able to help out so many people.

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## Junior Achievement to honor James, Steininger

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**FORT WAYNE** — On Wednesday, Junior Achievement's annual Business and Education Leadership Awards ceremony will recognize two successful Auburn natives:

Rick James, CEO and chairman of Metal Technologies, headquartered in Auburn, will be saluted as a 2013 Greater Fort Wayne Business Hall of Fame Laureate. He will join only 76 others who have been inducted since the Hall of Fame was established.

Don Steininger, president of Steininger Development, will be honored with the Ove Jorgensen Spirit of Leadership Award. The award recognizes area men and women who are providing community leadership through the many efforts and organizations they support with extensive commitments of time

and energy.



The recognitions will be presented during the awards event at the Fort Wayne Country Club beginning at 7:30 p.m.

"Leaders like Rick James and Don Steininger make it possible for JA to empower young people to own their future economic success. With their support, we are enhancing the relevancy of education for more than 115,000 pre-kindergarten through high school youth," said Lena Yarian, president of Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana.

Also being inducted into the Greater Fort Wayne Business Hall of Fame will be the Joe Ruffolo of RuffoloBenson LLC. Six Golden Achievement Awards for Excellence in Economic Education will be given to volunteers and teachers who help implement JA programs.

Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana serves 115,000 students in 27 northern Indiana counties, two Michiana counties and one county in Ohio. JA is dedicated to educating and inspiring young people to succeed in a global economy.

With the support of more than 6,500 adult role models who volunteer their time, Junior Achievement's in-school, JA BizTown and JA Finance Park economic education programs focus on work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy.

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